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The American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada is one of the older international unions of the American Federation of Labor. It was founded in 1896, though there had been earlier attempts to organize. The American Federation of Musicians was an outgrowth of the National League of Musicians of the United States and Canada, founded in 1886. The A.F.M. now has some 700 locals and more than 240,000 members, instrumentalists creating the "world of music" in symphony orchestra, jazz band or chamber group in cities large and small all over our country and the Dominion of Canada.

In addition to the battle which, like most of our pioneer unions, the A.F.M. fought and won in the early days, for adequate pay and decent standards of living, the Musicians' Union has had even a more serious struggle from the 1920's on, fighting mechanization of music under a system that deprived thousands of musicians of their jobs.

The A.F.M.'s first president was Owen Miller of St. Louis. Joseph N. Weber of Cincinnati was elected president in 1900, a post he retained (with the exception of one year) until 1940 when James C. Petrillo succeeded him. Organized labor has never had a more adamant defender of its rights than in Mr. Petrillo. He is ably assisted by his co-officers, Leo Cluesmann as secretary and H. J. Steeper as treasurer.

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ELECTION

KEYNOTES CONVENTION

MARKED by unprecedented action, and a galaxy of speakers that included some of the most noted names in the land, the 71st convention of the American Federation of Labor came to a close in New York last month after seven action-filled days of deliberations.

The unprecedented action—and the high spot of the convention, in the view of most observers—was the endorsement that the delegates gave to the Democratic candidate for President, Adlai Stevenson of Illinois. The endorsement came after the Democratic standard-bearer delivered a great speech that took the delegates by storm. It was a speech that called for outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law, and laid before the delegates the Governor's forthright views on many other topics close to the working man's pocketbook.

Earlier in the convention, the delegates heard from General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Republican candidate. They gave him a cordial reception but his failure to spell out his stand on many specific issues, as well as his call for amending but not repealing Taft-Hartley, constituted a grave weakness in his speech, in the eyes of most of the delegates.

Green Gives Keynote

President William Green of the A.F. of L. more or less keynoted the convention on the opening day when, in his convention report, he stressed the need for political action on the part of working men and women. Turning to the subject of Taft-Hartley, President Green made a new appeal for concerted action to bring about its repeal.

On the critical issue of Taft-Hartley, the essential differences

between the Democratic and Republican candidates were underscored by their references to the law. Governor Stevenson said:

"The Democratic platform says that the Taft-Hartley Act is 'inadequate, unworkable, and unfair,' and should be replaced by a new law . . . How to get one? Because the required changes are major changes, because the present law is spiteful, and because it has become a symbol of dissension and bitterness, I urged, therefore, as I did on Labor Day, that the Taft-Hartley Act be repealed.

GOP Commends Law

"The Republican platform commends the Taft-Hartley Act because, among other things, it guarantees to the working man 'the right to quit his job at any time.'

"To this deceit they add the insistence that the real issue here is whether the present law should be 'amended' or 'repealed.' That is not the real issue. The real issue is what changes should be made in the law of the United States. But if repeal were in itself the issue I would remind Senator Taft that he himself has publicly recognized 23 mistakes in his favorite law. It seems not unreasonable to recommend that a tire with 23 punctures and 5 blowouts needs junking and not a recap job with reclaimed Republican rubber . . ."

General Eisenhower said:

"I suppose you men have been waiting for me to say something about the Taft-Hartley Act . . . I am in favor not of repealing, but of amending, the law . . . I have talked about the Taft-Hartley Act with both labor and industry people. I know the law might be used to break unions.



Above: International President Dan Tracy presiding at a regular AFL session in the Commodore Ballroom.

Below: International Secretary J. Scott Milne delivers the official Labor Press report to the conclave.





Above: The I.B.E.W. delegation, including Robert McGregor, Vice President Liggett, Bro. Carmichael, Jos. Keenan, Louis Marciante, Ross Martin, Frank C. Riley, Frank Doyle, President Tracy, Secretary Milne.



Left: General Eisenhower makes his bid for the Federation support.

Right: Louis Marciante, President of the New Jersey Federation and FSA director Oscar Ewing.



Below: Democratic Candidate Stevenson is greeted by International Secretary Milne and George Harrison, Railway Clerks President.



Below: Cardinal Spellman delivers the opening day invocation as the 71st AFL convention gets started.





Above: Delegates study official convention picture as Matthew Woll, Executive Council, and Fred Tobin, Teamsters, look on.

Below: Secretary of Labor Tobin, AFL President Green, Mutual Security Administrator Harriman.



Above: AFL President Green welcomes Governor Dewey to the platform for his official welcoming address.



Above: Letter Carriers President Doherty, left, and I.B.E.W. President Tracy chat with Banquet toastmaster.

That must be changed. America wants no law licensing union-busting. Neither do I. I also think that since patriotic American union leaders must swear that they are not Communists, then the employers with whom they deal should be subject to the same requirement. I would not mind, every morning, swearing an oath of loyalty to the United States of America . . . But I would resent doing this . . . if I were singled out because I happened to be a . . . labor union official."

As the delegates gathered for the first session, September 15, in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Commodore, they received copies of the report of the AFL Executive Council, a document of 230 pages dealing comprehensive-

ly with dozens of topics, including housing, rent controls, national and state legislation affecting labor, wage control policies, the work of Labor's League for Political Education, social security, the international free labor movement, and many other subjects.

Opening Ceremonies

Ceremonies opening the convention were particularly impressive. Cordial welcomes were extended to the delegates by James C. Quinn, secretary-treasurer of the Central Trades and Labor Council of New York; Martin T. Lacey, president of the same group; Thomas Murray, president of the New York State Federation of Labor; Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York; and

Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri. Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, pronounced the opening invocation.

In the seven days of the convention, delegates heard from more than 40 speakers, received reports from various departments of the Federation, and acted on some 150 resolutions dealing with a great variety of subjects.

Among the more prominent speakers heard from, in addition to the two Presidential aspirants, were Senator Herbert Lehman of New York, who delivered a hard-hitting attack on "McCarthyism"; Republican Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, who called Senator Taft "a dazed quarterback called back into the game from the showers"; Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin, who said that the

Below: The famed International Ladies Garment Workers Choir entertains delegates at a convention session.



Below: An orchestra and vocalist lead the assembly in singing the Star Spangled Banner at the opening session.



Below: J. A. Brownlow, President of the AFL Metal Trades, and Robert Byron, President of the Sheet Metal Workers, right, swear in Metal Trades officers—John Pelkofer, John H. Lyons, D. W. Tracy, George Q. Lynch, and Charles J. MacGowan. Chester Sample was not present for the ceremony.



Below: AFL delegates rise to applaud a distinguished visitor to the speakers' platform. The convention heard speeches by Secretary of Labor Tobin, Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing, Senators Wayne Morse, Herbert Lehman,



Taft-Hartley Act is "a matter of life and death for the American labor movement"; Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing, who declared that the 75-cent minimum wage should be raised and the Taft-Hartley Act repealed; Civil Defense Administrator Millard Caldwell, who reminded delegates that more than half of the population of the United States lives in 60 critical target areas, and pleaded for more volunteer workers to register for civil defense work; Leon Jouhaux, veteran French labor leader and winner of a Nobel Prize, who told of the efforts to further the economic and political unification of Europe, as exemplified in the Schuman Plan; Defense Mobilizer Henry Fowler, who warned that the greatest danger facing the U.S. is that a false sense of optimism, security and complacency will cause Americans to let down in their effort to build up a strong mobilization base; James McDevitt, director of Labor's League for Political Education, who told of the nefarious work of lobbies in Washington in recent years; Mutual Security Administrator Averell Harriman, who called for the election of Adlai Stevenson to the Presidency.

Others who had things of importance to say in their special fields included Nelson Cruikshank, labor adviser to the Mu-

tual Security Agency; David Morse, Director General of the International Labor Office in Geneva; J. H. Oldenbroek, General Secretary of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; Cyrus Ching, who has since retired as Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

I.B.E.W. Delegates

Playing a prominent part in the convention proceedings were the I.B.E.W. delegates who included President D. W. Tracy, Secretary J. Scott Milne, Vice President Joseph W. Liggett, Frank C. Riley, Joseph D. Keenan and Ross Martin.

Many important resolutions were adopted by the convention, including one stating that the AFL cannot continue to take part in and support the wage stabilization program unless "adequate and full effective controls on prices and rents are restored."

Other resolutions called for tying wage increases to increases in productivity of labor; for increasing the .75-cent minimum wage; for giving the same prior-



Above: Newsreel cameramen concentrate on AFL Secretary-Treasurer Meany.

ity to education, health and welfare services, as to defense needs.

On social security needs, another resolution stated: "The deliberately false and malicious charge of 'socialized medicine' hangs like a blinding fog in the

way of progress toward a sound, flexible and thoroughly democratic health insurance system." The convention decided to ask the next session of Congress "to provide for the extension of Old Age and Survivors Insurance



Above: Applause and an enthusiastic welcome greeted Democratic Presidential Candidate Adlai Stevenson as he was escorted to the convention platform for his speech.

Right: AFL Secretary-Treasurer Meany, AFL President Green, and Musicians President Petrillo are intent listeners as Governor Stevenson calls for Taft-Hartley repeal.





Above: An I.B.E.W. huddle—Joe Ziff, President Tracy, Orrin Burrows, Jack Schilt, George Barry.



Above: AFL European Representative Irving Brown, Executive Council Member Matthew Woll and two Indian Labor delegates.



Above: Many lensmen, including the official I.B.E.W. cameraman, photographed the dignitaries.



Above: Senator Wayne Morse, a liberal Oregon Republican conducts a press conference for the many newspaper reporters.

benefits to cases of permanent and total disability prior to retirement."

In a call for labor unity, the convention stated: "Developments at home and abroad have made it increasingly urgent that organic unification be attained at the earliest date. Once again, we appeal to the CIO to respond to the need of the hour and join with us in building a united labor movement in the United States.

In his convention report, President Green portrayed AFL progress by stating that the affiliated unions had added more than 252,000 members in the 10 months ending June 3, 1952, bringing total paid-up membership to 8,098,302. "In only 13 years since 1939 the membership of the AFL has doubled," President Green reported to the cheering delegates.

Turning to the economic side in his opening remarks, President Green declared that wages had increased in the last two years "but not enough to offset the rise in prices and also the rise in taxes." In some industries, he said, union members have won increases large enough to avoid loss, but in some depressed industries workers have had to take wage cuts. Many millions have lost ground in the last two years, he added.

Touching on legislative matters, President Green noted that the AFL had succeeded in bringing about the passage of some desirable legislation. "In others," he said, "we have failed, but the one keen, bitter disappointment that touches and moves the hearts and the souls of every

worker in America has been our failure to bring about the repeal of the obnoxious, dirty Taft-Hartley Act."

Amazing progress, Green noted, had been made in expanding America's plant capacity and industrial potential. Expansion of producing capacity in some basic industries had been very fast in the past year, he noted.

As the convention came to a close on September 23, President Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany were re-elected to office, as were the 13 members of the Executive Council.

Invitations were received to hold the 1953 convention in New Orleans, Miami and St. Louis. The convention voted to authorize the Executive Council to select the convention city.



Vote for Stevenson

Two months ago, here on the editorial pages of your JOURNAL, your International Officers advocated that the members of our Brotherhood vote for Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic nominee, for President of these United States. Last month at the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, held in New York City, the A. F. of L. took that same step and endorsed Stevenson as the man whose election would be for the best interests of the working people of this country.

This was a precedent-breaking step. This is the first time in the 71-year history of the A. F. of L. that such an endorsement has occurred. True, in 1924, Bob LaFollette received A. F. of L. endorsement, but by action of its Executive Council only, and not by Convention vote.

Now, how and why did this pronouncement come and what does it mean?

Well, first for the "how" and the "why."

Your A. F. of L. Executive Council, of which President Tracy is Vice President, recommended the step, only after the most careful consideration. Its members gave both candidates an opportunity to address the Convention delegates, representing more than eight million members, to give them their views and their policies on the issues affecting the working people of our country. They had already considered both platforms carefully. They had reviewed the response made to their recommendations offered before either platform was drawn up. The summary, in plain language, showed this—the Republicans turned their backs on the A. F. of L. proposals; the Democrats accepted them.

And so the candidates addressed the session, and many hoped that General Ike might revise certain sections of the Platform which had been written by the reactionary Taft forces previous to their defeat. But prior to his coming to our A. F. L. conclave, the General had an historic meeting with Senator Taft on Morningside Drive in New York, and releases given out by the Senator after that meeting, dashed any hope that a more liberal element among some of the Republican standard bearers, would dare to overthrow the old guard.

So General Eisenhower addressed the Convention and received the polite interest and respect of all

present, which he was due as a great general and as a fine loyal, patriotic citizen. And the delegates listened while he said that *he favored continuation of the Taft-Hartley Act.*

Then Governor Stevenson visited the Convention a few days later and he told the delegates how he and his party felt about this law called Taft-Hartley. And those delegates rose and cheered lustily when he said without reservation, *that he stood for repeal of that law.*

And the A. F. of L. Council did other things before they made their recommendation to the Convention. They studied all the pros and cons. They commended General Eisenhower for the tremendous contribution he had made to the winning of the war. They recognized his military genius, while they rejected his inexperience in civilian politics and government, which would keep him a pawn in the hands of the reactionaries trading on his popularity and personal integrity to lead them and their party to victory.

Then they weighed Governor Stevenson in the balance and found he tipped the scales favorably, as a man of true Presidential stature—one who has not bowed to pressure groups, one who has the experience and political acumen, by reason of his business and his government service, to enable him to hold the reins of Government as its highest servant. And his record, while Governor of the State of Illinois, for honesty, and his ability to clean up a corrupt mess in his own state, and give Illinois its best administration in years, seems proof enough that he is Presidential timber—sound, hearty timber.

That is why the A. F. of L. Council endorsed Adlai Stevenson and further recommended that the Convention endorse him. And the Convention did just that—unanimously—without one dissenting vote! And the delegates in convention assembled, rose and cheered the great step which had been taken.

And what does it mean? It means that your A. F. of L. officers and your IBEW officers—those to whom you look for help and guidance, are asking you and the 550,000 others like you in our Brotherhood, and the eight million more like you in our A.F.L. trade union movement—to go to the polls on November 4 and vote for Adlai Stevenson for President.

Of course there's no compulsion. The A. F. L. Con-

vention resolution made it crystal clear that "each and every one of the members of the A. F. L. are free to make their own individual political decisions without any compulsion on our part." Our A. F. L. policy is still the old Gompers' creed, "Reward your friends and defeat your enemies." There are some worthy Republicans running for Senate and Congress who should be supported because their voting records are fair and good. The Convention that cheered the endorsement of Adlai Stevenson, also rose to a man and cheered Republican Senator Wayne Morse, one of the best friends organized labor has ever had.

Yes, Brothers and Sisters, it's a free country and you can vote for whom you please. We hope you will keep it free by voting—every last one of you. And we hope you will consult the records (See our August JOURNAL) and vote for the men and women who can best help you.

And for President, we hope you will vote for and elect, Adlai Stevenson, because his record and the platform and record of his party, clearly prove that he is the best candidate for the working people of this country—and indeed for all the people.

Ten Million Dollars

Ten Million Dollars! That's a lot of money! But that's the sum we expect our local unions will loan to their Pension Fund this Silver Jubilee year, to help us to strengthen and preserve it. We, your officers, can't tell you how pleased and gratified we are at the enthusiastic, generous response we have met, as a result of our appeal to our locals in this our Twenty-fifth Anniversary year. As your JOURNAL went to press local after local was being added to the beautiful scroll in our Archives Department which reads:

"The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers records here, in gratitude and pride, these our local unions which have helped to strengthen and preserve our Pension Plan on its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary." And more than a million dollars has already been entrusted to us for safe investing to earn interest for our locals and for our Pension Plan, every dollar going toward making up that 62-cent per-member-per-month deficit which we must have to make our plan absolutely secure.

No amount is too small to loan—we want every local to share in this responsibility which should not rest solely with your officers, or with the large locals or with the "A" members. Our Pension Plan is one of the finest and most constructive enterprises of our entire life as a Brotherhood and it is the personal responsibility of every one of our half million members to help it to continue and to grow bigger and stronger as the years go on and as more and more men go on our pension rolls, and with the advance of medicine and science, live longer and longer.

We have had loans of \$100. We have had loans

of \$100,000. We have had loans from large locals and loans from small locals. We have had loans from individuals who want to have a special part in our Silver Anniversary. We have had loans from locals whose "BA" members outnumber "A" 200 to one.

One local, short of surplus funds to loan, gave us \$100 for the fund. We would have been glad to accept the \$100 as a loan—no amount is too small. Of course we were delighted to have it as a gift, for this sum is actually equivalent to a \$10,000 loan to our fund.

We wanted all our members to know how well our Jubilee Plan is going, to express our gratitude to all who have participated, and to invite every local to join in, loan what it can now and add to it whenever it is able. The money is safe—will be readily available when needed by the locals, and meanwhile it is doing a job for us all.

Our goal this year is \$10,000,000—which sum will earn more than \$200,000 for the fund. We know our unions, we know our members. We'll get the 10 million! We hope your local will be in!

A Business Man Speaks

Ever so often we come across an item in the daily press which we enjoy reading and which we like to pass on to our readers who may not have seen it. Such an item occurred the other day in a report of a conference of the top leaders of the Committee on Economic Development. At one part of the session, Paul Hoffman, former head of Studebaker Corporation, addressed his colleagues in very plain language and made an appeal to all business men for responsible action. Hoffman said that in many parts of the world, business influence has been washed away because the "business leadership had blinders on." He said that if business failed to match its responsibility (to the country and its people) to its power, then it is in for some real trouble. He advocated that business men reject their old slogan: "What's good for business is good for the country," and reverse it to read: "What's good for the country is good for business."

If more business men would follow Mr. Hoffman's advice, this country would certainly be a better place to live and work in, and there would be far better relations between labor and management.

It is good to have at least some American business men aware of the fact, that big business procedures are not all good, nor are labor-union methods all bad. Mr. Hoffman seems to have been aware of this fact for some time. We recall his words as he stepped down as head of ECA some time ago, when he said:

"The three most important developments in this country in the past 50 years that have made America great are these: The growth of productivity, the growth and distribution of educational advantages, and the growth of the trade union movement."

Labor Press

.....Sets New Records

FORTY-ONE years ago, Samuel Gompers founded the International Labor Press of America. Last month in New York, the I.L.P.A. held its 41st Annual Convention, the largest in its history, and we think that Samuel Gompers, could he have attended some of those convention sessions, would have been pleased and proud to see how far this A.F.L. official press organ, which he founded, has come.

This year the I.L.P.A. embraces 69 international unions and 151 local unions as members, 220 in all—an increase over last year.

During the past few years, there has been marked improvement in both the content and appearance of our union publications. This fact has been attested to, not just by members of organized labor but by many outside our ranks. For example such publications as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Journal of Commerce*, *Printer's Ink*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Advertising Age* and others have commented upon our papers and magazines and urged their constituents to read them lest they miss items of importance.

This year, as usual, the International Labor Press of America held its annual Awards Contest, and in judging the contest, Professor Philip Griffin of the University of California, School of Journalism, had this to say:

"We who have had the privilege of judging the entries in the 1952 ILPA Contest, have found the labor press judged by the examples entered in this competition, to be compe-



Your International Secretary J. Scott Milne, as Editor of your official Journal accepts two ILPA awards from ILPA President Matthew Woll.

tent and valuable representatives of the press system of our country."

With regard to the Annual Awards Contest, we were fortunate in having our JOURNAL named to receive two prizes. One beautiful plaque, designed in rose and gold, was awarded to our Editor, Mr. J. Scott Milne, for the best cover of the year. Another prize was also presented to him in the category, best special column.

As always, whenever our work on the JOURNAL has been found worthy of note, we wish to say that our magazine is only as good as the members behind it, you, our readers, who send in suggestions and criticisms, encouragement and

help. We owe the credit to you and to our press secretaries who send us their splendid contributions monthly, accompanied by interesting snapshots. If your JOURNAL has improved, our "Local Lines" section has surely improved also, and is definitely one of the most read and best loved sections of our magazine. We urge our members to continue their interest, and to continue to send us their words of encouragement and criticism and suggestion. Tell us about the articles you would like to read in your magazine. We want to win prizes, yes, and you can help us to do that, but most of all we want our ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL to mean something to our members, to be a real part of their

lives. That is the goal we have set for your JOURNAL and we hope every reader will help us to attain it.

Now to go back briefly to what went on at the 41st Annual Convention of the International Labor Press of America. It was a full and interesting meeting, our largest to date with 145 persons in attendance. Representatives of international publications and local labor papers met in joint sessions for two days and profited by the talks made by such outstanding persons as Kent Cooper, Executive Director of the Associated Press, J. H. Oldenbroeck, General Secretary of the I.C.F.T.U., Edward Allen of the I.L.O., James Me-



Above: A group of veteran Labor Press leaders in the railway field gather around Editor Milne to discuss certain resolutions to come before convention.



Above: Secretary Milne talks with J. H. Oldenbroeck.

Devitt of Labor's League, Philip Delaney of the A. F. of L. and others.

In addition to the joint sessions, an afternoon forum session was held in which the editors of international journals met to discuss ideas and problems pertinent to their type of publication, and editors of weekly newspapers did the same. Outstanding teachers of journalism, newspaper men and typographical experts were on hand to lend their help to the editors in their search for a better way to present their writings to their readers.

There were many interesting points and suggestions discussed at this meeting which your JOUR-

NAL staff found helpful, and there is one particular issue which we would like to pass on to others—to those of our readers who may write articles for local papers, or may be engaged in organizational campaigns from time to time. It stems from a comment made by Mr. Damon Stetson of Columbia University. Mr. Stetson said that the labor press is critical of the daily press for not giving labor its "just due" in its columns. Mr. Stetson stated "Some of the worst things said about labor are said by labor in the labor press. When two unions get into a jurisdictional battle they are selfish in
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Above: Barney Tassler and Mrs. Brownie Cuthbert, participate in the ILPA convention.

Right: Lewis Herrmann, Sec.-Treas. of the Labor Press is honored.



Tampa

SCENE OF

FIFTH DISTRICT MEETING

ACCORDING to all reports and particularly from the account of the press secretary of L.U. 108 of Tampa, Florida, the Progress Meeting of District Five held in that city was a bang-up affair. Headquarters for the conclave was the Hillsboro Hotel and the date July 26 and 27.

Vice President G. X. Barker presided at the meeting and he and his entire staff came in for some words of high praise from all the

business managers in the Fifth District for their splendid organizing efforts in the past year. The reports of those business managers proved that definite progress had been made in District Five's whole jurisdiction.

President D. W. Tracy was present at the meeting and addressed the delegates bringing them up to date on the work of the International Office in the past year. Press Secretary W. P. Blair writes

us, "Local 108 had President Tracy's enlightened talk recorded so that it would be available to all the members."

Other distinguished guests in attendance at the Fifth District Progress Meet were Brother Carl Scholtz, business manager of L.U. 28 and Brother C. R. Carle, both members of our International Executive Council.

Petty Pays Visit

A visiting "veep" also added to the list of V.I.P.'s in attendance. Brother W. P. Petty, International Vice President of the Twelfth District was present in Tampa and made a nice talk to the assembly.

In addition to the business of the meeting and the reports of progress and problems from the locals, there was plenty of fine entertainment for the visiting Brothers and Sisters, including a banquet and dance with all the trimmings.

The highlight of this party was the presentation of 50-year pins and scrolls of honor to Brothers James Arnold and L. L. Loveless who have had continuous service in L. U. 108 for half a century.



President Tracy and Vice President Barker present 50-year pins and scrolls to Brothers James Arnold and L. L. Loveless at Progress Meeting in District Five.



Scene at the banquet and dance held in Tampa during the great District Five Progress Meeting, July 26-27.

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EIGHTH DISTRICT MEETING

THIS year for the first time, a joint Progress Meeting of the IBEW and the NECA was held in our Eighth District. Co-chairmen for the joint meet were Ralph Johnson, Eighth District Vice President of NECA and W. C. Wright, IBEW Vice President for the Eighth District.

Scene of the joint meet was Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 12 to 14th.

Delegates from both groups heard some interesting talks on matters vitally affecting the electrical industry during the joint meetings.

Mr. Edwin Mackey, of the U.S. Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, Department of Labor, spoke on "Our Heritage in Manpower," pointing out the necessity of an adequate apprenticeship training program within the industry.

Mr. Matt Sherwood, regional director of NECA gave an interesting address relative to government relations and their effect on the electrical industry.

Hyer Gives Talk

Mr. D. B. Hyer, Jr., executive vice president of the Southern Colorado Power Company who was a speaker at our 1951 Progress Meeting in Pocatello, returned to favor us again this year with one of his remarkable speeches, using for his topic, "The Utility Business Today." In his talk he brought forth very forcibly the conditions confronting the private utility industry at the present time.

The Friday afternoon session was devoted entirely to business promotion in the lighting phases of the industry. At this time both the contractors and representatives from the IBEW local unions, were

made acquainted with the possibilities in the lighting field through the introduction of better and more adequate lighting.

Participants were Dale Strohminger, president, Rocky Mountain Chapter, NECA; G. B. Buck, vice president, Public Service Company; Nat Blumberg, Western District manager, Lightolier, Inc.;

Stan Newman, lighting expert, Westinghouse Electric Corporation; Ray Hankins, vice president, Albert Sechrist Manufacturing Company; and G. B. Buck, district lighting engineer for the General Electric Company.

At the Saturday morning session, Mr. William E. Blackmar, (Continued on page 40)



Secretary Milne addresses meeting, as Vice President Wright, NECA President Don Clayton, Vice President Ralph Johnson and Wilfred Howell give attention.



Front row, from left: Vaughn Rosquist, I.R.; Wallis Wright, vice president; S. E. Thompson, I.R. Back row: F. J. Belisle, I.R.; M. B. Keeton, I.R.; L. F. Anderson, I.R.; Joseph I. Nichols, personnel director, International Office.

Last Call for Freedom!

By J. SCOTT MILNE

BROTHERS and Sisters of the International Brotherhood Electrical Workers, I should like to ask you to do something for just a moment. I should like to have you imagine that you are sitting in your living room, or having dinner with your family, or working in your factory or utility plant or on your construction job, when you hear a sound truck going by. And from that sound truck a deep serious voice is speaking—speaking to you and to all citizens like you and saying: "Last Call For Freedom! This is your last call to keep this nation in which you live a free nation—your last opportunity to keep the advantages you have and to go forward. This is your last chance!"

If you heard those words and if you knew those words were true what would you do? Well you'd find out pretty quickly what your last chance was, what you had to do to keep what you have, to continue to live free and have your children live free, and grow up and enjoy even a fuller, freer life in this wonderful America of ours. You'd find out what that last chance was and then you can bet your bottom dollar that you'd take advantage of that final opportunity.

Now friends, no sound truck is going around making dire predictions—that's just a figment of the author's imagination, but there is a part of this story that is not a figment of imagination.

This November 4th, Election Day, *could be* your "last call for freedom." Year after year, fewer and fewer of our people go to the polls to vote—half of them stay home and sooner or later, unless we, the citizens and potential voters of this nation, wake up to the fact that we have a responsibility, some other people who do not have the freedom and welfare of the working people and ordinary citizens of this nation at heart, are going to win by default. They are going to get control of this beautiful, wonderful, free country of ours which our forefathers gave their lives to found and other men following them shed their blood to preserve. And why? Because we, the citizens, the owners, the custodians, of this nation were too disinterested, too indifferent, just too darned lazy to go to the polls and vote—vote for the men, the men with principle, who want to keep this nation free and prosperous, and free and prosperous for all the people.



Yes, Brothers and Sisters, if you knew this was your last chance for freedom, you'd be there! Well it might well be!

And while we're speaking of last chances, we'd like to speak about something else. About Labor's League for Political Education and what we have done to help it, but more specifically, what we have not done.

Recently President Tracy and I had an opportunity to see the list of contributions from the individual members of all the A. F. of L. national and international unions and we viewed this list with mixed feelings. We were gratified to know that we of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers had contributed nearly four times as much as the next highest international union although we are several times removed from being the top union in point of membership. We were glad our people had made the best showing. But we were ashamed and embarrassed when we found that less than five percent of our members had given their dollar.

ILPE has done a magnificent job with not much help from us, the people that they are trying to aid.

It is very late but there are still a few days left, days in which television and radio broadcasts, newspaper ads, circular mailing etc. are vitally important in influencing the voters of this country to vote our way—which is not just the union way, but the right way. Contributions which reach us after November 4 will still help to make up the deficit.

Don't wait—for freedom's sake act today, and for freedom's sake, study the records—(See your August JOURNAL) and vote. It may be your last chance for freedom!

J. Scott Milne, International Secretary,
International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers,
1200 - 15th Street, N.W.,
Washington 5, D.C.

Enclosed is my dollar for Labor's League for
Political Education.

Name:

Address:

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The Musicians' Story

KNOW
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IF I had but two loaves of bread,
I would sell one to buy white
hyacinths for my soul."

This quotation seems to us to
typify music and man's need to
live by more than bread alone.
Through the centuries man has
labored and fought and struggled
for an existence for himself and his
family, and yet always from earli-
est times he was striving for a little
more. His esthetic sense, his soul,
sought beauty, and to express this
longing he painted the crude walls
of his cave with mud and chalk
and created chants which he sang
to the sun and the stars, and the

wind and the trees, and gave the
world its first music.

Yes, music in some crude form
is as old as man himself. Some 500
years before the birth of Christ that
old Chinese sage, Confucius, had
these words of wisdom to leave to
posterity: "Music produces a kind
of pleasure which human nature
cannot do without."

Before we recount the story of
our Brothers and Sisters in the
American Federation of Musicians,
let's take a quick look back into
ancient history and learn a little
about how music and all it means
had its beginning.

Studies of ancient peoples reveal
that they had a crude form of
music before they learned to speak
a language. Savages believed the
forces of nature to be gods and if
they wanted sun or rain they per-
formed a sun dance or rain dance.
These were very primitive, of
course, with hand clapping and
stamping of feet, grunting, crying
and chanting, in a weird sort of
tune. And that very dissonant
beginning was actually the birth of
song.

The earliest civilizations, as
studied by archeologists, had crude
types of musical instruments. The
first musical instruments ever used

Under auspices of union's Music Per-
formance Fund, "Old Timers' Orches-
tra," keeps cultural music alive.





Great symphonies record free music for "Voice of America" to be beamed to world-wide audience of 295 millions in fight on Communism.

were two pieces of wood or stone, struck together in rhythmic pattern. Next men stretched an animal skin over a hollow log and made the first drum. Next came dried gourds filled with pebbles and shaken like rattles.

We can learn much about the beginnings of music from primitive peoples of today, living in their jungles, beating out weird rhythms on their tomtoms. Man's innate love of make believe, his desire to be amused, and his natural instincts to express what he feels, are the springs from which music has grown, and the men who first created it, did not know they were bringing an art into the world but only that they were expressing their own lives and their belief in a God.

Three thousand years before Christ was born, in a section of south-western Asia and north-eastern Africa lived peoples who had passed from the primitive stage to build the highest type of civilization the world had yet known. We refer to the Egyptians, Assyrians and Hebrews.

A visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York will show vast tombs of stone, 3000 years old, brought to New York

from Egypt and the walls of these tombs are decorated with figures of singers and orchestra players of harps, lyres, lutes, flutes and sistrums (bell rattles.)

Today we advertise in bold face an orchestra of 100 men. The Egyptians had 600 and thought nothing of it.

The Egyptians used a musical scale of whole steps and half steps, covering several octaves, similar to our own.

The British Museum in London and the Louvre in Paris have many ancient records unearthed from mounds near the River Tigris in Asiatic Turkey.

These records prove that the Assyrians were even greater musicians than the Egyptians. They had many of the same type of instruments that we have—percussion, wind and string. Some of the instruments pictured on their monuments are still in use in some of the Oriental countries today.

Since the Assyrians were a war-like nation, their instruments were made so that they could be strapped to their bodies, and they could carry them into battle easily.

And here is a striking note of human interest. The Assyrians were so fond of music that when

they took prisoners of war, the musicians among them were spared, while all others were put to death.

We mentioned the Hebrews and their contribution to music. We get our knowledge of their music not from stone monuments and excavations but from Hebrew writings and the Bible itself.

The first musician mentioned in the Bible is Jubal. Genesis IV:21 records, "he was the father of all such as handle the harp and pipe (organ)."

Following that there are countless references to song and to music in the Old Testament. For example Exodus XV:1-2 "And Miriam, the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances."

And when the children of Israel were in the wilderness, Moses received from Jehovah the command: (Numbers X)

"Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them; that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly."

There are many more references, and it was the Christian peoples



who through the Dark Ages of history preserved music, singing the psalms of David, and pure melody probably reached its climax in the chants of the early Christian Church.

This was also the beginning of part music and its success was passed on to the realm of instrumental music. This led too, to creation of more and better musical instruments.

Many of our instruments have changed little over a period of many years. Some members of the fiddle family have remained the same since the early 1700's. And

it was during that same period that predecessors of the piano—the harpsichord and the clavichord—reached the highest development possible and led to the invention of the piano.

Instruments and great composers went hand in hand, one influencing the other. Great orchestral composers like Beethoven, influenced the development of instruments. On the other hand growing perfection in certain instruments inspired composers—Chopin and the piano for example.

And those who love and revere good music today owe much to the patient composers and instrumentalists of yesteryear who worked under great handicap and strain to bring to the world some of its most glorious sound.

For example in the 17th century, printed or engraved music was so rare and expensive that musicians could not afford to buy it and would make copies by hand. It is said that the great Johann Sebastian Bach's blindness was caused from the strain of copying notes when a boy. His brother had a precious book of music manuscript which he said was too valuable to loan to young Johann, so every night the young Bach slipped the manuscript from its hiding place and copied the tiny notes by the wavering light of the moon. The process took him six months.

We have given quite a bit of attention to these early beginnings of music because we feel it is a subject in which our people are interested. It is a fascinating topic and we could write much more if space would permit, but we must hurry on to tell the story of the modern day musicians, those who have followed the muse to their joy and their sorrow right into the Twentieth Century.

Musicians were among the first of all working men to attempt organization. As music became more popular, musicians became wandering minstrels traveling here and there over the country earning a livelihood as best they could.

These wandering minstrels had no legal rights. In the year 1300, Old World laws said a musician could be beaten without redress.



Talented fingers of violinists have thrilled millions of music lovers for centuries with delicate effects.

The cello (left) is particularly adaptable for expression of pathetic scenes; color of tone is very serious.

Mexican Tepica orchestra (below) is shown giving free concert financed by recording and transcription fund.





Arthur Rubenstein, one of the great concert pianists of the day, records for RCA Victor. Long-playing records are boon to classical music lovers.

His only chance for survival was to organize, so away back there in the 14th century were the first roots of unionism formed. The early musicians organized in three ways: first by means of religious brotherhoods; second, in the service of cities as trumpeteers and fire-watchmen; and third, in the service of a lord.

When the musician ceased to be a wanderer, his rights increased and his lot became more stable. The first orchestras made their appearance in 1398. These were composed of court musicians who were considered the property of the lord. This federal relationship of entertainer to lord was highly prized by court entertainers because it gave them their only protection. They were jealous of their rights against the competing musicians of the free towns, as well as the wandering minstrels, and because of this desire to secure their rights, court performers made their first demand as a body in 1528. This led to the founding of the first guild of trumpeteers in the 16th century.

The first actual musicians union, however, was a product of our own country. It was the Aschenbroedel

or "Cinderella" Club formed in New York in 1860. At first formed as a social club, four years later its members incorporated the Musical Mutual Protective Union. The 24 men who founded this union, denied that theirs was a "trade union"—they wanted it strictly understood that they were "artists" not "laborers." But by the type of organization they founded and the way it functioned, this union was a true part of the labor movement.

This first union's stated purposes were "the cultivation of the art of music in all its branches, and the promotion of good feeling and friendly intercourse among the members of the profession, and the relief of such of their members as shall be unfortunate." Bylaws of the new organization stated that a "uniform rate of prices were to be charged by members" and also forbade members to work with non-members.

From the very first these early unions were concerned with the true principles of unionism and together with promoting good working conditions, they were equally concerned with promoting high standards of work.

In 1863 the Baltimore musicians formed an organization, and in

1864 the St. Louis instrumentalists followed New York's lead, forming their own Aschenbroedel Club. In 1886 many of the clubs joined together as the National League of Musicians, which in 10 years numbered 101 local societies.

The League, while it handled problems common to all musicians, was still reluctant to be considered a real part of the labor movement and declined to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor.

In 1896, 19 of the western local unions, angered by the attitude of the League, and saying that an organization which functioned like a trade union *was* a trade union went to the A.F. of L. convention in Indianapolis and formed the American Federation of Musicians. Their first president was Owen Miller of St. Louis, who was succeeded by Joseph N. Weber in 1900. Mr. Weber held the post until 1940 when he was succeeded by the present leader, James C. Petrillo of Chicago.

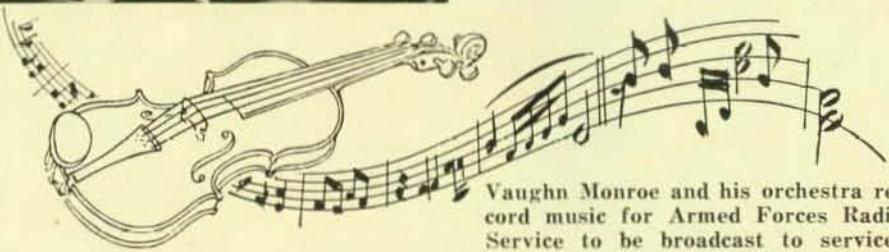
In 1902 the A.F. of M. had won over the allegiance of 98 of the 101 League societies, plus 99 new ones of its own. The following year, the last three League groups came in, making one uniform, strong union.

And that A.F. of M. now has



Musicians' Local 802, New York, pays tribute to memory of the march king, John Phillip Sousa, in park concert.

AFofM's inauguration parade float symbolized all-out participation of union, which provided a dozen name bands for the inauguration in 1948.



more than 700 locals in the United States and Canada with more than 240,000 members.

And who are these 240,000 men and women who make up this great sister organization of ours in the A.F. of L.?

They are instrumentalists, great and small, all over this country of ours and Canada—pianists, harpists, cellists, flautists, violinists, playing in the great Boston Symphony Orchestra, or in a small chamber group; drummers, cornet or trumpet players, starring with big name bands all over the country, or perhaps the five young jive players who make up "Andy's Hep Cats" for the local Saturday night dance. All are members of the great union organization which can give them some semblance of security and protection.

How that union has fought to protect its members and its jobs is an inspiring story and one that warrants an account many times the total number of pages in your JOURNAL. Many of our unions had their most stirring chapters in the very early days of their history when they fought the battles of

Vaughn Monroe and his orchestra record music for Armed Forces Radio Service to be broadcast to servicemen. Musicians contribute talents.





Through cooperation of AFofM and Army Special Services, First Cavalry troops in Korea catch a boogie tune.



Strolling musician brings a bit of musical cheer to hospitalized GI as one of many AFofM services to vets.



sweatshop wages and working conditions. Well the musicians have fought their bitterest battles twice—once in the early days when they lifted their members up from the humility of playing for pennies in the street, and then again in recent years when some of our unions were experiencing their greatest periods of growth and prosperity.

The Musician's biggest battle had its origin back in 1929. When many business men were meeting their downfall on Wall Street be-

cause of the disastrous recordings on ticker tape, another kind of tape was beginning to spell disaster for the musicians of our country. This tape was a tiny border alongside the celluloid of a movie film. This tiny strip meant that the music once produced only by living men in the theater itself could now be brought to it by this bit of celluloid which was sound track.

As fast as the talkie equipment could be installed, orchestra pits were emptied. Almost overnight

18,000 out of the 22,000 musicians who used to accompany the silent pictures were fired.

That was only the beginning. Radio which had been hailed in joy by the musician, doomed him to disappointment. In 1946, the F.C.C. reported that "The average local station employed less than one-third of a full-time musician."

And then with the tremendous influx of canned music via the juke box, the poor musician's lot grew less and less enviable.

Statistics on the juke box industry are somewhat clouded by the reluctance of tax-conscious manufacturers and distributors to talk freely, but it is estimated that there are some half million machines operating in the United States alone. Receipts are estimated at higher than \$230,000,000 annually.

The musicians who made this possible, received not one cent directly from juke owners and operators. About 80 percent of all records sold are played in the home and these the musicians are happy to see reach such a destination. The competition with live talent comes from the 20 percent which reaches the jukers and disc jockeys who make a vast income on modest investments.

In 1946, the last year of record manufacture, before the Musicians made an effort to cope with the distressing situation which was not only destroying their jobs but would eventually destroy music itself, the industry reached gross retail sales of \$165,000,000. In that period the payroll for musicians (exclusive of leaders) was \$1,635,751 or less than one cent for each dollar of sales. Average scale earnings per musician for the year for each of the top three record companies were \$177, \$103 and \$213.75. This covered only 6,500 musicians. Contrast this with the \$185,000 made by one disc jockey in 1947.

Then another inroad was made into the musician's field. From the early 1930's transcriptions had begun their invasion of radio and had moved into restaurants and hotels.

In the few fields where the musician remains supreme over the

machine, he has still suffered from mechanical competition. Take the highest expression of his art in the great symphony orchestras. Few of these, if any, are self-supporting and their wealthy patrons are growing fewer every year.

Mr. Petrillo used a striking analogy to describe what is happening to his musicians. He said that the iceman is disappearing from the face of the land; the blacksmith has almost gone with the horse; but their passing has left only a sentimental void. They have been replaced with machines that fulfilled their functions more cheaply and more efficiently. But with musicians the story is different. The machines that have made the musician the forgotten man do not fill his function. They cannot produce music; they merely reproduce it—and when there are no more musicians there will be no more music.

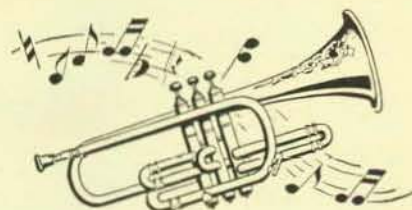
This was the battle the American Federation of Musicians faced during the good years in our country when other unions were making their greatest gains in wages and working conditions.

And so the A.F. of M. undertook to establish some measure of control over recordings. In 1940, President Petrillo, who succeeded President Weber in that year, and who had handled the situation successfully in his own Chicago district, began a series of decisive acts to help the situation. He put a stop to the so-called "co-op" broadcast, a transcribed program with blank spaces for local advertising blurbs. Platters made under this formula could be sold to an infinite number of local stations, displacing live talent with every sale. He completed the organizing of all instrumental musicians by signing up the famous and hitherto union-shy Boston Symphony as well as individual conductors and virtuosi.

The A.F.M. 1941 convention unanimously instructed the International Executive Board to take action against mechanized music. In June, 1942, the Board informed all recording and transcription companies that effective August



The fair sex has not confined its talents to singing and dancing in the music world. Four girls above are members of all-girl orchestra.



The big dance bands don't have monopoly on syncopatin' rhythm. Numerous "combos" such as one below keep couples swaying from coast to coast.



1st, musicians would cease to record.



The gentle musician had shown he had a militant spirit and would fight to survive! Loud and long were protests raised against Petrillo and his Musicians and slurring cartoons by the thousands were printed in the papers of the land. These can be looked back and smiled upon now, and the A.F. of M. has even printed a book of them, like the one of the robin

singing on a bough and the baby robin sticking its head out of the nest and saying "Ma, did you ask Petrillo if you could do that?" But back in 1942 it was pretty serious business and it took great courage for the Musicians to hold firm on their stand.

Early in 1943, Petrillo made an offer for settlement that introduced a principle in labor-management relations never before known in

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When Ghosts Walk



"... The storm will rise
And trouble the skies,
This night, and more, for the wonder,
The ghost from the tomb
Affrighted shall come
Called out by the clap of the thunder."



The ghost of coarse old Henry VIII might flutter through the halls of Windsor Castle on Halloween night in search of Queen Anne.

THIS night of course is Allhallows. It is the time for ghosts to walk and for witches and goblins to be abroad. Cats and pumpkins are summoned to grin eerily from window and show ease to watch the strange doings of Halloween.

From earliest times, as far back as the time of the Druids of ancient Ireland in fact, celebrations were held in honor of Samhain, lord of the Dead, on November 1. The horrible practice of human sacrifice was carried out on this day but fortunately the Romans outlawed this when they conquered Britain.

Even after the coming of Christianity and the consecration of pagan temples to the worship of God, oxen continued to be sacrificed on the Eve of November 1 in the land of the Druids.

In the Christian Church, since the year was not long enough to dedicate a special day for each canonized saint and since many martyrs had died unrecognized, it was decided to establish a holy day commemorating all of the saints. Therefore, in 834 Pope Gregory IV established November 1 as the festival of All Saints and thus it was that October 31 became the Vigil or Eve of All Saints Day.

Nonetheless, pagan peoples still continued to think of Halloween as the assembling time of unsanctified spirits as well as of saintly ones. And to the ghosts who as-

sembled on this night were added hordes of goblins and fairies.

The fairies were simply a variety of ghost. They were larger and more beautiful than men since they were the spirits of ancient kings and heroes who would come forth on this feast to survey the



On Halloween, the bony frame of old Ichabod Crane trembles more violently than ever at sight of the headless horsemen on his steed.

land they once had ruled. Later they became stunned by the sound of Christian bells and shriveled by holy water until they were only the capricious "little people."

Soon witches rode forth to add their unwholesome presence to the celebrations preceding the holy feast. The imaginary cult of witchcraft made a grisly travesty of Christian rites. Halloween became the great witch night when, it is said, Satan and his cohorts, witches and warlocks, gathered to mock the festival of All Saints by unholy revels. Keeping the so-called "commandment" of the witches to do only evil and to keep all secrets, witches professedly gave out the report that they were able to travel to these meetings, called covens, over great distances on Halloween by means of a broomstick which had been rubbed with a special ointment. It is still a custom in many lands to light bonfires on Halloween to frighten away these evil spirits.

Tower of London and Hampton Court are good spots to avoid on Allhallows Eve, even for bold adventurers.

And

"Who purrs by the grave
Of unshriven dead
While witches dance
And ghouls are fed?
The cat! . . . Skat !!!"

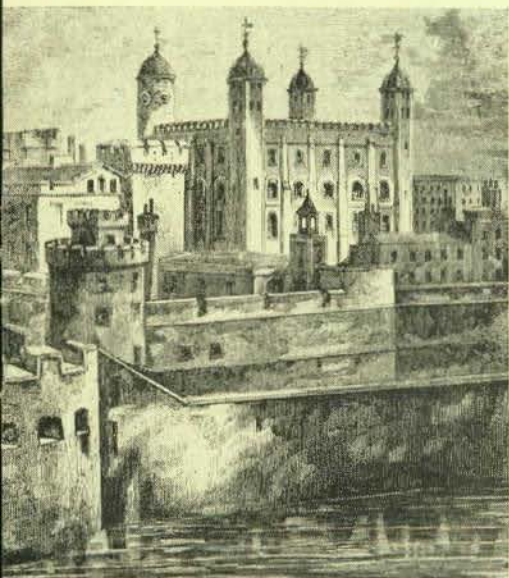
The Halloween conception of the cat as a consort of witches and demons goes back to ancient Egypt where this animal was worshipped as a deity. In the legends of Greece and Rome, a cat was priestess to Hecate, goddess of secrecy and patron of the witches. At witch trials, cats owned by condemned witches were burnt along with their mistresses. Since it was believed that witches often turned themselves into felines at will, cats soon found themselves being thrown into the fire on Halloween night in many a land.

Because spirits who can see into the future roam the earth on this night, games of divination were begun among the peasantry of many countries. Lovers' futures were read in nuts and apples as eager villagers gathered around hearth and fire. (The association of nuts and apples with Halloween dated from the Roman feast of November 1 dedicated to Pomona, goddess of fruits and seeds. It was then that stores saved during summer for the long winter months were opened.)

The Jack-O'-Lantern is a custom introduced by Irish peasants. In the old country, large rutabagas, potatoes or turnips were hallowed out, carved with grotesque faces and lighted with candles to serve as lanterns at village gatherings on Allhallows.

Perhaps they used these grinning lanterns to frighten away ghosts that were abroad on that night. Or perhaps the adventure-some used the Jack-O'-Lantern to seek among the hills and dales, in cupboard and corner for sight of the ghostly visitors in order to have stories to tell around the village campfire.

And if ghostly tradition does not lead us astray, any searchers in Britain would not have far to look on such a night. They could scare up many a ghost at Old Glamis castle, legended scene of Duncan's murder by throne-seeking Macbeth.



Some say Duncan's ghost still haunts the dark walls, while others claim it is only the shade of the Tiger Earl, the Earl of Crawford. Doubtless on Halloween, they stalk the crumbling walls together.

On this night perhaps the restless sheet of Henry VIII hovers more persistently than ever in the cloisters beneath the window of Windsor castle where he first spied his fiery Anne.

But he will not find her there, for she must ride forth in her black carriage drawn by four headless horses and piloted by a headless coachman. If one would hold his pumpkin lantern close as she passes on such a night as Halloween, he might see her dressed all in white, holding her severed head upon her knees, much in the fashion of the headless rider of Sleepy Hollow.

The Tower of London and Hampton Court are good spots to avoid on Allhallows Eve, even for the courageous adventurer. The throng of ghostly inmates of the former would overpower even the strong of heart, while the shrieks of Queen Catherine Howard being

led to the axe would stop the blood of all but the eighth Henry.

For those who have a further taste for elegance in their ghosts, Holland House, London, will show off many spectres, all of high degree.

Pickings are much slimmer for ghost seekers in America on Halloween. There are hints that the Capitol is sometimes haunted. It may be that the familiar spectre of the gangster in his bullet-proof car will once more appear on Halloween. And many claim that the Irish Death Coach will wind across the scene in shrouded gloom on such a night as this.

Most celebrators, however, are content to leave their Jack-O'-Lantern smiling in the living-room window while they roast nuts or bob for apples in a warm and cozy home.

* Some have a practice on this night of weaving ghost tales from the warp of tradition and the woof of eider-warm imagination. Such tales as "the Lady in White" are told and retold until ghosts howl in the wind and bony fingers rap on shutter or door.

This is the best night of all for reading of the stories of that master of the eerie, Edgar Allen Poe. Father of the modern detective genre, Poe chills each one's blood anew with his weird "Tell Tale Heart," and "The Mystery of Marie Roget."

The leaves of literature are truly restless on this night. The witches in Macbeth chant with loud and raucous voices; while Hamlet's sleepless father stalks the parapet with firmer purpose. Cathy pulls more frantically at shuttered windows to find a hand to touch her icy one. The bony form of Ichabod Crane trembles more violently than ever at sight of the frightful apparition. As the witches chase Tam O'Shanter down the timeless pages, each reader is gratefully aware of the snugness that surrounds him.

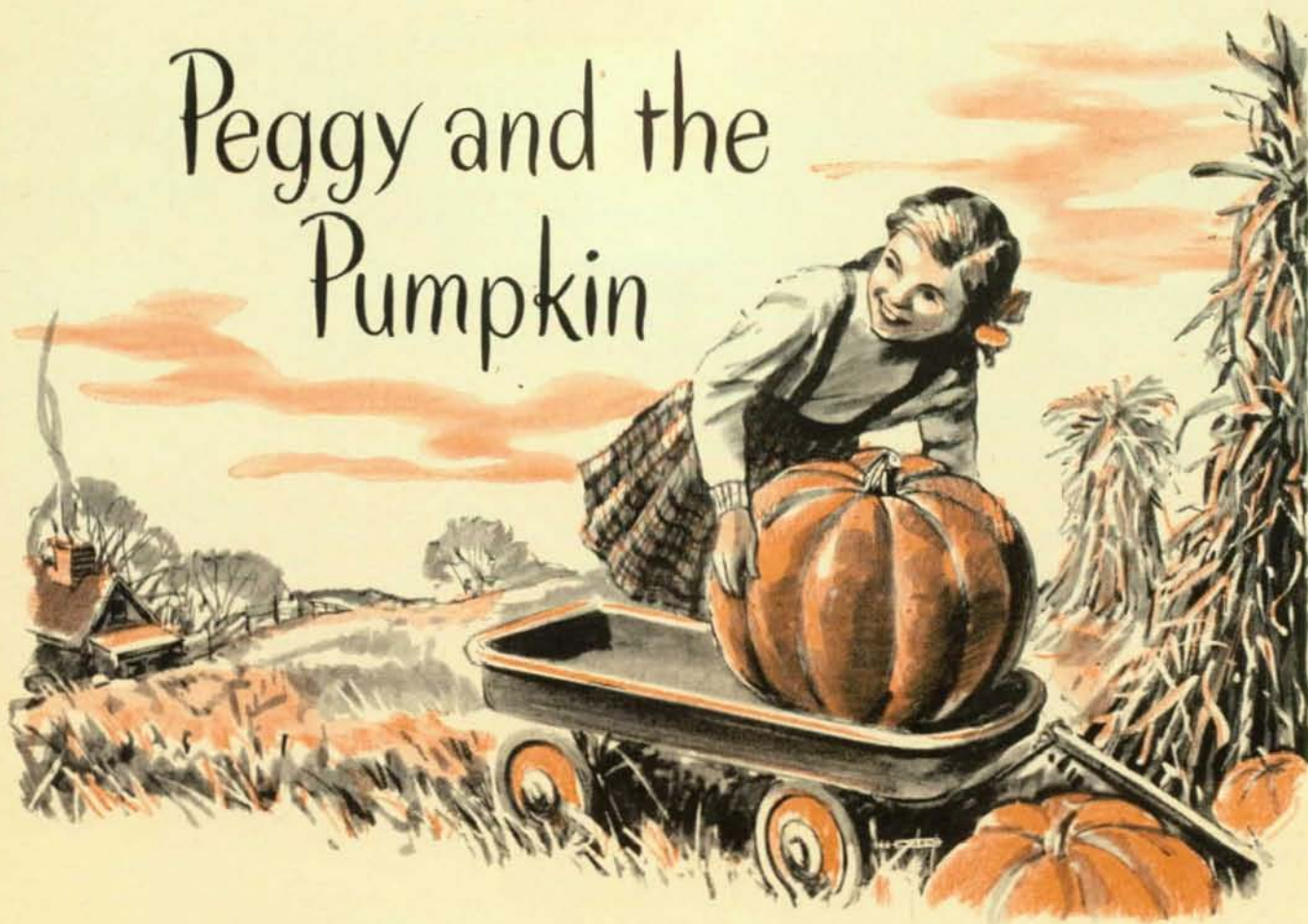
And he is pleased to admit the flesh and blood "Trick or Treaters" who come calling dressed in their fantastic garb—the substantial ghosts of ancient customs. For he is glad that these are the only spectres who walk abroad this night of Halloween.

"The witches of Macbeth chant with loud and raucous voices . . ."





Peggy and the Pumpkin



ALL THE children in Grade 2-B were very excited and happy. Miss Allison, their teacher had promised that if they were good they might have a Halloween Party with costumes and favors and a Jack-o-Lantern and everything.

Well, that is, they were all happy except Peggy Simmons. Somehow Peggy felt left out of things. You see Peggy lived in the country and this was her first year to attend Glendale School. Last year, there hadn't been anyone to take Peggy into town every day and so Peggy's mother had taught her at home. But now the school bus went right by their door and Peggy was able to attend with the rest of the children. But the ones who went last year all knew each other and they played games together and Peggy felt left out of things. You see she was extremely shy and it was hard for her to make friends. The other children would have been glad to have her play with them but they

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just didn't think to ask her and she was too shy to ask them. So at recess when the other children did things together, Peggy just stood by and watched, and sometimes no matter how hard she tried, two big tears would well up in her blue eyes and roll down her cheeks because she was so lonesome.

She wished she could do something that would make the other children notice her and then perhaps they would ask her to share in their activities.

Now Ruth Ann Roseman could jump rope 50 times without missing and all the little girls used to watch her and ask her to jump rope with them.

And Billy Watson could swing the highest in the school swings of anybody in the class and even higher than some of the Third Grade boys, so everybody knew Billy and wanted him to play.

And Margie Blake was good at

hopscotch and Betty Lee Jones knew funny rhymes to say, but Peggy just wasn't real good at anything and so the children didn't pay any attention to her.

Of course she, as a little country girl, knew how to do things that lots of the city boys and girls couldn't do, but they didn't know that. For example, Peggy knew a lot of things about the animals on her father's farm. She knew how to take care of the little chickens in the incubator, and how to water the little calves in the barn, and how to plant seeds in a garden and pull out the weeds and make things grow. Right now, she was growing a pumpkin—a great big pumpkin. She had planted the seed herself and watered it and watched it when it had a big yellow blossom and then she saw the little green ball appear and begin to grow and she looked after it every day. Now it was growing

into a big, beautiful orange pumpkin.

But of course the children in Grade 2-B didn't know about any of these things and Peggy could never get up courage enough to tell them or to talk about anything.

Well, to get back to the beginning of our story, the children were getting ready for their Halloween Party. Every day at drawing period they made Halloween pictures of pumpkins and witches and ghosts and black cats. Some of them they drew from outlines which Miss Allison gave them and others they cut out of black and orange construction paper. And Miss Allison took the very best ones and pasted them all around

the edge of the blackboard and on the window panes and the whole room was beginning to look very party-like and "Halloweeny."

All the children were talking about their costumes. Jackie Thompson was going to be a clown in a red and white costume with big red pompoms down the front, that his grandmother had made for him. Mary Jane Lewis was going to dress like a fairy and she had a lovely costume of fluffy white material with silver sequins sewn all over it.

Jodie Brown had a cowboy costume and Sally Curtis was going to be a witch. Oh it was all very exciting and wonderful to all the children, but Peggy. Her mother had made her a nice costume to

wear too—a gypsy costume with even a pair of golden earrings to wear on her little pink ears, but what was the fun of having a costume if no one asked her about it, and she had no one to tell about the bright red skirt and the little yellow jacket and her big golden earrings that jingled when she walked. So little Peggy was sad.

Well, it was growing nearer and nearer the big day. And almost everything was ready. Miss Allison had made cookies and some of the children had brought apples and candy and the principal of the school had given Grade 2-B a whole case of orange soda pop for the party.

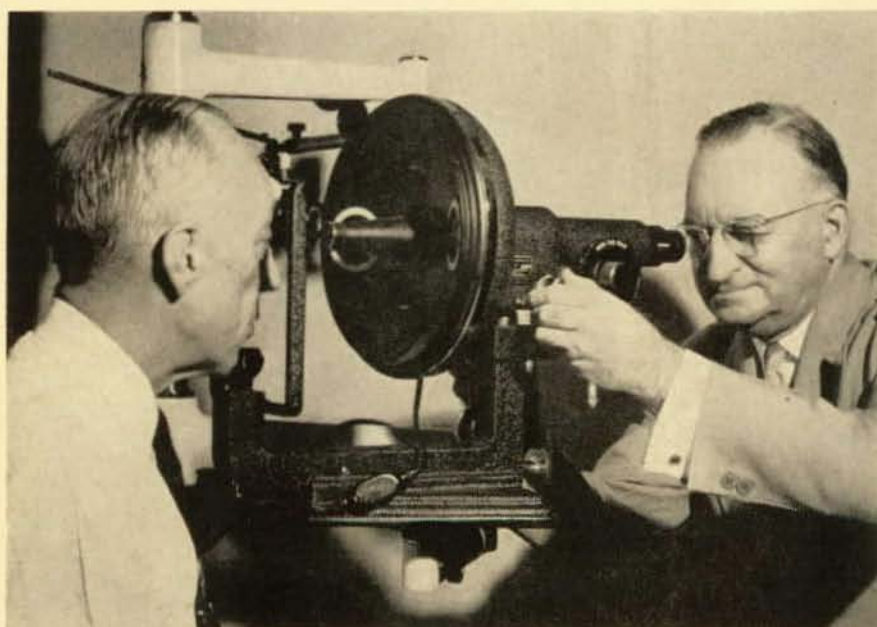
Yes, everything was ready except one very important thing. They didn't have a pumpkin to make a Jack-o-Lantern out of. Miss Allison tried in the market and they only had little tiny ones—not big enough to make a Jack-o-Lantern at all.

All the children were worried. It wouldn't be a real Halloween Party without a Jack-o-Lantern.

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the eyes have it



ANOTHER IN THE
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HEALTH SERIES

Let's look at the eyes. We can see at a glance they all have eyebrows to keep perspiration from dropping in them. They have eyelids which form a protective covering and spread the moisture. And they have eyelashes to help keep out dust and dirt. They all have a dark pupil—the window that admits pictures into the photographic room which sends messages to the brain for interpretation.

There are many things which you cannot see at a glance. First the eye has three layers.

First the *sclera* or outer coat—the tough, white portion made up of strong fibrous tissues covering that portion of the eyeball which does not see. This coat thins out and is transparent in front, this part being called the *cornea*. This outer coat preserves the form of the eye.

Second, we have the middle coat—the *choroid*, which is a layer of small blood vessels which nourish the eye. In addition this middle coat has a *ciliary body* which controls the shape of the lens and an iris which regulates the amount of light entering the eyes.

Third, there is the *retina*, the inner coat of the eye. This is a delicate sheet of nerve tissue con-

WE'VE called our story about your eyes—"The Eyes Have It" and we did it for a good reason. Let us define what we mean by "it" in this instance. By "it," we mean the world and all that is in it—the bright sunshine, the flamboyant colors of the flowers and the birds, the personality in a child's face, the beauty of a woman's smile, a rippling wheat field, eggs in a blue bowl, a chestnut mare streaking through the paddock, black night luminous with stars—so different from the black night that belongs to the blind with never a star to spark its darkness. All these everyday things make a world—a wonderful world of vision and of beauty which man

does not appreciate unless he thinks he has lost it.

Readers, your eyes have it—have all of it—all this world to look at and enjoy. If you lost it, by loss of your sight, you'd do anything to get it back. Do better than that—take care of your sight—good care of it—so you will never lose it.

Just remember each of us has just one pair of eyes. We are born with them and they must last us through life. *We're on our last pair!*

In this brief article we want to tell you a little bit about how the eye is made and functions—the principal diseases that effect it—and how best you can preserve your eyes and your sight.

tinuous with the brain through the optic nerve. It is the seeing portion of the eye and consists of 10 layers. The most interesting and the most important layer of the retina is the *rods* and the *cones* which are really a whole mass of little organs of seeing. The cones enable one to discern form and color. Color-blind persons have cones that are not functioning properly. The cones are located near the center of the retina, while the rods are near the edges. These latter are concerned with the detection of movement and with seeing in darkness. People afflicted with "night blindness, have rods that are functioning poorly.

Inside, your eye is divided into two sections by a partition which contains the lens and the muscular apparatus for changing its shape.

Any of our readers attracted by photography will be interested to know that the human eye has often been compared to a living camera.

The iris of your eye is a muscular shutter for regulating the amount of light that gets in the eye. The pupil is simply the hole through this shutter. The lens of your eye is like the lens of your camera and your retina may be compared to the camera's film.

In a camera you can move the lens forward and backward. The eye cannot do this but it changes the shape of the lens by using certain muscles. In near-sighted persons a part of these muscles is poorly developed because of non-use. In farsightedness it is over developed because of excessive use.

So much for a cursory analysis of the eye's make up. This amazing, complicated mechanism is perfectly constructed to give us the sight we have—to man only belongs this miracle of vision which is our type.

Did you ever stop to think what our vision might be like if our eyes had been constructed differently?

Alexander Pope in his "Essay on Man" (1732) said:

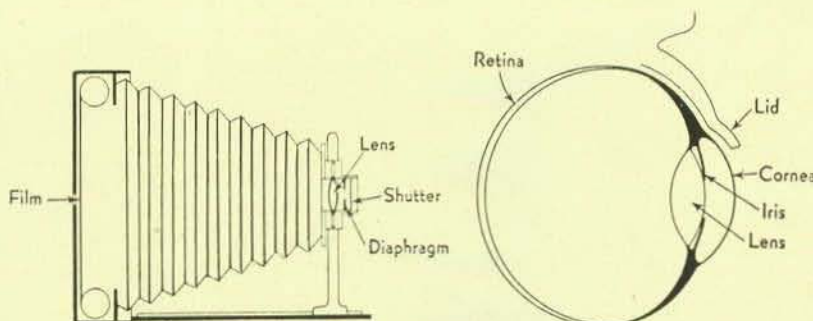
"Why has not man a microscopic eye?

For this plain reason: man is not a fly."

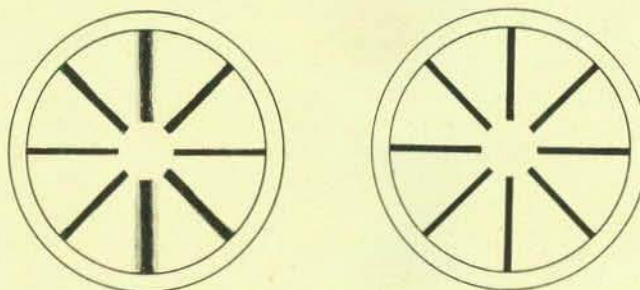
If our eyes were constructed like the eyes of a fly or mosquito, we'd



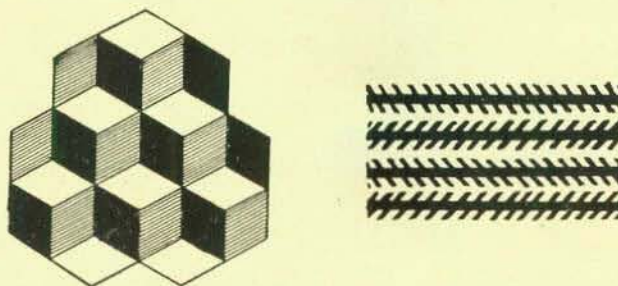
When you read, the pupil of your eye shrinks from the normal size (right) to the comparative drawing at left. To make up for this shrinking, caused by focusing on print, much more light is needed by hard-working eye.



The eye is similar in its working principle to your camera. The shutter of the camera corresponds to the lid of your eye, the diaphragm to the iris, and the lens to the lens of the eye. The film is like retina.



When a person suffers astigmatism, some spokes of wheel appear sharp, others soft and fuzzy. Slightest imperfection of cornea's curved surface can cause some sort of distortion of vision, a condition we call astigmatism.



Our eyes are easily fooled by lighting and lines. The "cabalistic cubes" at left sometimes appear to be six, other times look like seven. Zollner's parallel lines at right don't look parallel due to the diverting lines.

never be able to see a movie or read a newspaper. Every time you looked at the movie screen you'd see each actor not one but a hundred odd times. Nature has given each of her creatures the eye best suited to its nature.

And this remarkable eye of ours serves us well. Now what about the things that can go wrong with it?

We explained briefly above about *Nearsightedness* (Myopia) and *Farsightedness* (Hyperopia). These conditions can be adequately corrected with glasses. We exert just one word of caution here. Always go to a reputable eye doctor, have a proper examination and then have your glasses made by a reliable optometrist. Don't get "mail order" glasses or select a pair from a counter in a five and ten cent store. Remember those eyes of yours are the only ones you'll ever have.

Astigmatism is another common affliction of the eye. This results from an abnormal curvature of the cornea or the lens which results in a distortion of the image on the retina. This may not cause any appreciable distress to the one who has it but sometimes if allowed to go uncorrected may cause serious disturbances in the eyes. Usually glasses are needed, especially for close work.

Now we come to the most important part of our whole article. What causes blindness?

By some pretty accurate estimates, 15 percent of the cases of blindness are caused by Syphilis. It may strike any part of the eye but the trouble there may not be noticeable until many years after the patient has become infected. Prompt, complete treatment of this disease itself is the best preventive of blindness or impairment of sight from the disease.

There is another communicable disease which can and often does result in blindness. This is *Trachoma*, in which the eyelids be-

come granulated, thickened and red. The sulfa drugs are most effective in treating this disease.

The single most important cause of blindness is cataract. It accounts for about 25 percent of all blindness.

A cataract is an opacity of the crystalline lens—all of it or part of it. The lens is behind the pupil. It is that part of the eye that focuses rays of light on the retina. When a cataract is fully developed, light will not pass through the lens but is reflected back.

Many times when a cataract begins, its cause is tied up with the patient's general condition. The teeth, sinuses, blood, glands or some other part of the body that isn't functioning properly may become the cause of a cataract. Or the trouble may be directly caused by eyestrain or an accident.

If a cataract begins to form, expert medical care is necessary. By improving the general condition of the body, the cataract may be prevented from spreading. Fortunately they form slowly, usually taking several years before vision is cut off. If the cataract continues to develop, an operation will be necessary eventually. Here too, there is good news. Great strides have been made in eye surgery, and cataract operations are successful in nine cases out of 10.

Glaucoma is another serious cause of blindness particularly among middle aged and older persons. It is responsible for approximately 11 percent of the blindness in these age groups.

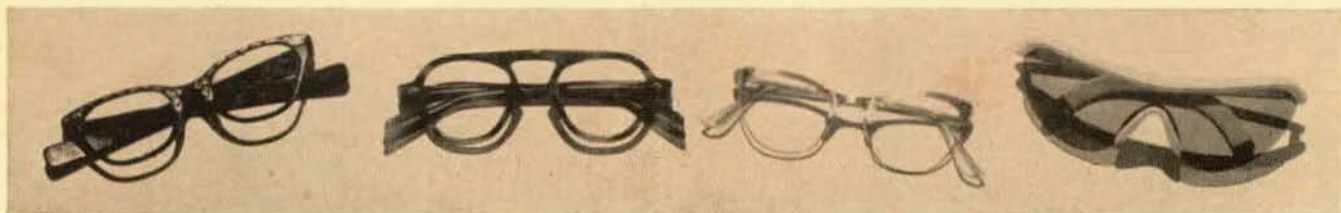
We can't bring home to our readers too strongly, the danger of this disease. *It is the worst of all the eye diseases.* What it actually consists of is an abnormally increased hardening of the eyeball brought about when the outflow of fluid normally circulating in the eyeball becomes blocked, thus creating pressure on the optic nerve and killing the nerve fibers.

Glaucoma is terribly insidious. It is estimated that some 800,000 persons in the United States are suffering from it and will lose their sight unless they are found, warned and treated in time.

As stated above, Glaucoma is a disease of later life occurring most frequently after 50. Its symptoms are usually so gradual that they go unnoticed. First there may be headaches. Then you may notice, especially at night, that lights have halos and rainbows around them. Later you may feel that you can see only straight ahead and not on the sides. These are the symptoms—but you shouldn't wait for symptoms. After 50, you should see your oculist every year. Glaucoma can be detected early by an ophthalmologist and *this is significant for any persons we may have frightened by our warning*, Glaucoma can absolutely be checked by medicines, or if necessary by surgery—but remember this. *It must be caught in time!* Glaucoma can be checked but it can never be cured. Whatever part of the vision is gone cannot be restored and so it is most urgent that the disease be checked as soon as possible.

Those are the major causes of blindness. Remember, we mentioned some cataracts are caused by injuries. Some blindness is too. A simple thing like getting a cinder in your eye can cause a permanent injury to your eye and impairment of sight. We say this, not to frighten any of our readers, but to warn them to be careful when they get anything in their eye. One of the gravest dangers is the common practice of allowing an untrained person to remove a foreign particle from the eye. Should the eyeball be cut or scratched in the process, there is possibility of infection and complete loss of sight. The safest method of removing foreign particles is to irrigate the eye by drop-

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

*Minutes and report of the International Executive Council.
Regular Meeting Beginning September 8, 1952.*

All Council members present—Paulsen, Marciano, Caffrey, Myers, Scholtz, Broach, Carl, Foehn and Cockburn.

The last Council minutes and report were approved.

The Auditor's regular reports were examined, discussed and filed.

CASE OF JOHN MILAN

John Milan is a member of Local Union 1330, Jersey City, New Jersey. One of its shop stewards, Jose Roleria, filed certain charges against Milan.

The Local Trial Board—January 15, 1952—found Milan guilty of violating Article XXVII, Section 2, paragraph (10) of the I.B.E.W. Constitution. This reads:

“Slandering or otherwise wronging a member of the I.B.E.W. by any wilful act or acts.”

The Trial Board assessed Milan \$150.00. He appealed to Vice President Liggett. Liggett assigned a representative to conduct a hearing on the appeal. Thereafter Liggett set aside the Trial Board's action.

What the Evidence Shows

The Trial Board then appealed to the International President who upheld Liggett's decision. The Trial Board next appealed to this Executive Council.

A study of the Trial Board's minutes and all files in the case clearly shows the following:

1. Differences existed between Milan and the shop steward, Roleria. Both testified they were not on speaking terms.
2. A voluntary collection was being made by Roleria for an ailing member.
3. Milan gave his contribution to an assistant supervisor to be given to the shop steward, Roleria. Roleria refused Milan's money through such supervisor.
4. Later, in the plant, Roleria announced to other members—within Milan's hearing—that “everyone gave except Milan.” Milan resented this and after work (outside the plant) he punched Roleria.

Admitted Antagonism

Was the I.B.E.W. Constitution violated? That is the question here. Antagonism (admitted) existed between these two men. And the Executive Council finds nothing in the Constitution that covers such personal disputes and clashes.

However, the Constitution does make it an offense—in Article XXVII, Section 2, paragraph (12)—for a member to disturb the peace of a Local Union meeting or its Executive Board, or to create or participate in any disturbance in or around the office or headquarters of a Local Union. But this provision does not apply in the case before us.

When one member punches another (with or without reason) outside a Local Union Meeting or its Executive Board—or outside the office or headquarters of a Local Union—he may, if he wishes, seek redress through the law enforcement agencies or the regular courts.

The I.B.E.W. Constitution does not cover, and cannot properly cover, such cases.

The appeal is denied.

CASE OF WAYNE WILLIAMS

October 9, 1951 the Executive Council denied the appeal of Wayne P. Williams. He had been penalized by Local Union 116 of Fort Worth, Texas.

Williams now requests “permission to reopen” his case. He submits nothing new. The I.B.E.W. Constitution provides that:

“When an appeal is taken above the I.V.P., only the evidence submitted in the original case of appeal shall be considered.

“In cases where parties claim they have new and important evidence affecting a case in which decision has been rendered, they may submit this within 30 days to the authority who rendered the first decision, with a request that the case be reopened. Such authority shall decide whether the matter submitted justified reopening the case.”

(Article XXVII, Section 19, page 74)

Vice President Ingram rendered the first decision and Williams was advised of the above law.

REQUEST FOR RETIREMENT

The Council considered the application of George H. Poulson, I.B.E.W. Organizer, for retirement under Article III, Section 11 of the Constitution. He has been in the International service 15 years. He is age 54.

Poulson claimed ill health. We decided not to retire him but to place him on the disability list provided that a proper determination of the facts has been made.

Poulson requests reconsideration of his application for retirement. His letter was received after the Council adjourned. It will be placed before our next regular meeting, beginning December 8, 1952.

PROPOSAL BY ONE MEMBER

F. L. Hoppe, Vancouver, B. C., Canada, is on the I.B.E.W. pension list. He sent us a proposed amendment to the Constitution.

Hoppe was advised that the Executive Council does not consider proposed Constitutional amendments, offered by the individual member.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY

International Secretary Milne discussed several matters with the Council. Among these were:

1. How, for the first time in a long while, the reports of Local Unions—with the posting of monies received from them—are up to date.
2. Our Pension Benefit Plan.
3. The splendid success of his plan in getting our Local Unions to make loans to the Pension Benefit Fund. These loans are then invested.

The surplus funds of our Locals rarely earn more than 2%. Those making loans to our Pension Benefit Fund are paid 2% interest. The difference between this 2% and the total amount earned is put into the Pension Fund.

The Local making the loan is given an unqualified note payable on demand. The money is fully protected.

4. The investment of funds with a guaranteed return.

PENSIONS APPROVED

The Executive Council approved the following pension applications:

Card In The I.O.	Formerly of L.U.
Hanschen, Walter	6
Lange, William F.	6
Warner, John L.	34
Monck, Lionel Ernest	58
Moulton, O. L.	73
Pike, Arthur S.	99
Moulding, Sr., E. V.	125
Wetterborg, Herman A.	125
Abram, Stephen A.	134
Long, Allan R.	134
Sammon, James J.	134

Card In The I.O.	Formerly of L.U.
Startzman, Chester	134
Hinnekamp, George J.	212
Ross, Joseph S.	214
Biver, John	309
Keiser, Charles H.	436
Chapel, Clarence E.	532
Bradford, Jr., William T.	567
Voss, Julius	649
Clarke, Reginald Henry	958
Cannoles, Allen E.	1142
Rokus, Anton	1147

Membership In L.U.

Kjar, Torvald	1
Raithel, Jacob J.	1
Sahrman, R. J.	1
Springer, C. E.	1
Brennan, Thomas	3
Cavanagh, William J.	3
Collins, Arthur G.	3
Cossano, Hector	3
Delahanty, Thomas F.	3
Delamater, Frank	3
Deltz, Charles	3
Dolan, Thomas	3
Doty, Albert C.	3
Doyle, John J.	3
Fawcett, Franklin D.	3
Fertig, Abraham	3
Friedman, Samuel	3
Fromholtz, Arthur	3
Gallagher, Edward J.	3
Goebel, Jesse R.	3
Jaeger, Henry A.	3
Kearin, Michael P.	3
Kurrie, William A.	3
Lange, William C.	3
Magnus, Morton H. A.	3
Marx, Morris M.	3
Olsen, Oscar W.	3
Peterson, Edwin	3
Quick, George	3
Rauscher, Charles	3
Wallace, Michael J.	3
White, Samuel	3
Dunn, Joseph	5
Evans, Jacob	5
Landis, George D.	5
Remmy, Frank F.	5
Bregy, Theodore	6
DeSaussure, George	6
Flynn, Thomas J.	6
Hansen, Horal M.	6
Schaefer, Louis W.	6
Hartman, Ralph J.	8
Bathurst, William	9
Beach, I. E.	9
Linn, R. W.	9
Manley, James	9
Martin, William D.	9
Orr, Floyd F.	9
Pufunt, John W.	9
Chapman, Earl D.	11
Heffler, William H.	11
Osborne, Owen	11
Main, George A.	17
Schleicher, William	17
Barday, Louis F.	18
Birchfield, Tom	18
Larson, Harry H.	18
Wood, Russell C.	26
Ferguson, Frederick K.	27

Membership In L.U.		Membership In L.U.	
Tarbett, Howard	28	McGrew, Albert P.	134
Young, Jr., John W.	28	O'Brien, David	134
Smith, Frank	34	Richartz, George P.	134
Busch, Edward A.	38	Sabo, Louis	134
Grimesey, A. M.	38	Trausch, John P.	134
Rothenburg, Charles	38	Waaden, Charles J.	134
Schueren, Charles T.	38	Weiss, Sr., Oscar A.	134
Wilford, Frank	38	Quigley, G. N.	145
Hale, Jay W.	39	Gratz, Frank	159
McManemy, Earl F.	39	Kavanaugh, Clyde	193
O'Connor, Charles J.	39	Hetherington, Henry J.	200
Howard, William Francis	40	Campbell, William	213
Anderson, Eilert	46	Ronan, John Thomas	213
Hubbard, Elmer	46	Utterback, J. T.	213
Ketchum, Clyde	48	Elsenius, W. J.	214
MacQuarrie, Gordon	48	Leonard, C. E.	214
Ditmars, Carl	52	LaVigne, Albert J.	292
Walker, Frank	53	Lewerenz, Herman R.	292
Bantle, John	58	Lucas, Robert E.	292
Cromie, William J.	58	Veling, Carl E. J.	292
Ryan, J. A.	58	Dwyer, Walter Thomas	296
Cross, Fred E.	59	Archer, R. L.	309
Patten, R. V.	60	Smith, Harry R.	309
Gerlach, George	64	Lewis, Spurgeon J.	318
Leppard, W. E.	66	Alsop, Christopher P. B.	323
Manahan, N.	66	Donohue, William	323
Shecter, W. H.	66	Clift, Chester C.	325
Sturgis, T. B.	66	Matchmaker, Thomas L.	326
Byrd, William Homer	84	Lawrence, Louis W.	332
McMahon, William E.	90	Carle, Lauriston W.	333
Raven, Ralph W.	98	Monk, William F.	353
Smeaton, Andrew	98	Lindsay, Walter Scott	393
Bagley, Thomas J.	103	Dyer, John L.	397
Carey, John L.	103	Gute, Frank G.	397
Deans, George A.	103	Lyman, Van Allen	397
Dennison, Francis H.	103	Lyon, W. S.	408
Garvey, James L.	103	Roddy, E. M.	411
Holmes, Harry A.	103	Moyer, Homer A.	415
Lawless, Francis H.	103	Wright, W. S.	417
Pennie, Louis F.	103	Lawrence, Arthur W.	437
Wesche, Reinhard R.	103	Reilly, C. A.	466
Wilson, Samuel D.	103	Liebenrood, Arthur A.	474
Dobbin, Louis D. J.	104	Gange, James M.	483
Elwood, Thomas J.	104	Quinn, John Joseph	492
Quirk, James M.	104	Fabere, Peter C.	494
Anderson, David Elmer	112	Falkiewicz, Joseph	494
Chamberlain, William J.	122	Hansen, Jens C.	501
Henderson, Delbert N.	122	Higgins, Thomas F.	501
Bahr, Earl	124	Irvine, Ralph	501
Bosse, Carl W.	124	Rhader, Ralph James	527
Galloway, E. L.	124	Jacobs, George W.	528
Jackson, H. A.	124	Burrow, Henry F.	549
Koechner, Carl E.	124	Peiffer, Lawrence J.	567
Lathers, Arthur J.	125	Brause, F. W.	595
Lusted, Arthur T.	125	Isaacson, John	595
Rutherford, S. O.	125	Roebuck, Harry O.	606
Shultz, John C.	125	Dry, Dan	611
Abbott, Thomas J.	134	Allan, Herbert J.	636
Barkley, Harry	134	Barber, Wiley C.	656
Boldt, Frank F.	134	Seidel, Arthur	663
Boyle, John	134	Raitz, Robert L.	683
Donnelly, James J.	134	Paine, Owen S.	684
Dore, Edward	134	Whigham, James	694
Freund, John F.	134	Clark, Dwight L.	701
Hallen, Harry C.	134	Blavascunas, Stanley	713
Herzog, William A.	134	Kaupus, Mateusas	713
Johnsen, William	134	Pflug, Edward J.	713
Johnson, M. E.	134	Sanders, Charles G.	713
Kardack, John	134	Stein, Julius	713
Lambert, Virgil R.	134	Steinberger, William	713
Ludden, Anthony E.	134	Garnett, Job	717
Mueller, Thomas E.	134	Robinson, Albert	773

	Membership In L.U.
Matuska, Joseph	774
Martinson, Svarra E.	799
Turnquist, Carl J.	856
Ryman, Mahlon W.	857
Grier, William	912
Meyer, Harry G.	912
Breen, T.	1037
Edwards, A.	1037
Harding, G. J.	1037
Stewart, A.	1037
Thomas, W. L.	1141
Hasemeyer, John D.	1392
Burchfield, James M.	1393

BIRTH DATES CORRECTED

Acceptable evidence was submitted to the Council and corrections have been made in the International records of the birth dates of the following members:

Card In The I.O.	Formerly of L.U.
Sheppard, Sr., William S.	329
Whalen, Orson W.	415
Soper, William E.	658
Russett, Elmer A.	820
Davis, Walter B.	1122

	Membership In L.U.
Hoffman, John	3
Reilly, Frank	3
Sperduto, Joseph V.	3
Weber, Carl M.	3
White, Floyd M.	9
Polowich, Tony J.	51
Wing, A. W.	77
Hoolehan, Paul V.	134

	Membership In L.U.
Kolb, William	134
Crahall, Adam	163
Daley, William C.	213
Gallant, Benjamin	333
Calot, Gustavo	583
Bohrer, John L.	618
Edmondston, J. N.	734
Blakeley, Ernest	837
Scott, William	1037

BIRTH DATES NOT CHANGED

Requests for changes in birth dates in the International records of the following members were denied:

	Membership In L.U.
Bucholtz, George	3
Fischer, Walter N.	8
Sullivan, Gene	623
Morgan, Frank H.	813

The records will be changed—to show a different date from what was originally given—when acceptable evidence is submitted to the Council.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The Executive Council adjourned late Friday, September 12, 1952.

The next regular meeting will begin December 8, 1952.

H. H. BROACH,
*Secretary of
Executive Council*

The Eyes Have It

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ping tepid, boiled water or boric acid solution into the eye at the corner near the nose, the head turned so the fluid runs out the other corner. Use a clean medicine dropper. If irrigation fails to remove the particle, go to a doctor at once—don't let amateurs probe at your eye.

Perhaps 99 times out of 100 you could get something in your eye and get it out without any trouble developing. But that 100th case might be the one to cause loss or impairment of your sight. The author of this article read a big book of cases about persons who went blind from causes no more serious than "something in the eye." Let me tell you about just one typical case. Joseph Bronson got a tiny chip of enamel in his eye. He washed his eye with warm boric acid solution but the chip had

lodged in his cornea and did not wash-out. It became so painful he went to a physician who removed it. Twenty-four hours later, however, the pain had become agonizing and Mr. Bronson went to an oculist. The oculist started treatment for ulcer of the cornea. For a week the patient suffered excruciating pain and nothing gave him relief for long. In spite of all that was done, the ulcer spread, and completely destroyed the sight of one eye which had to be removed in order to save the other. And all because of "something in the eye."

We want to caution all our people here, to be extremely careful in working with tools, using welding torches, etc. Industrial accidents alone account for 15 percent of the blindness in this country. We ask our people to warn their children also. Seven percent of blindness among young people is caused by injuries to eyes by balls, stones, sticks, scissors, knives,

whips, pea shooters, firecrackers and BB guns.

We wish space would permit further comments on care of your eyes. We should like to mention "Conjunctivitis" which our mothers used to call "pink eye." This is usually a simple disease but may become serious. It is caused by bacteria, viruses or allergies. It is best to consult a physician whenever eyes become red or inflamed.

In conclusion bear these few pointers in mind to safeguard your precious sight:

(1) Avoid disturbing glare in reading or working. (2) Cold salt-water compresses make a simple effective remedy for tired eyes. (3) Have foreign bodies removed from your eyes by a doctor. (4) Avoid rubbing the eyes with your fingers. This will avoid infections. (5) Have an eye check up every two or three years. After 50—every year.

Take care of your eyes—Remember they're your last pair.

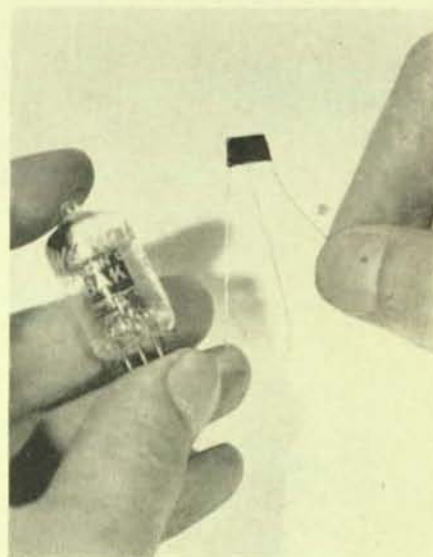
The Revolutionary Transistor

THERE'S always something new under the sun and while news of the transistor may be old to some of our members, we thought that there might be many others who would welcome information about this new development in the electronics field.

First what is it? Actually transistors are small slugs of the element germanium wired in such a way that they are able to perform many of the functions of conventional radio tubes while drawing only about a millionth as much power. In our title we called the transistor "revolutionary." It is considered by many scientists the most revolutionary development to hit the electronics industry

since the discovery of the vacuum tube itself. Here is what Dr. Louis N. Redenour, well-known physicist and former chief of the natural science division of the United States Air Force, had to say about the transistor:

"The electronics art has reached a stage where a fundamental new development is needed to rescue it from the limitations of the vacuum tube. Just such a development has recently arrived on the scene. It is the transistor, which can perform most of the functions of the vacuum tube and escapes most of its limitations. The transistor promises to revolutionize elec-



Spidery object at right is the newest type of transistor. It is shown with miniature commercial vacuum tube doing about same job as transistor.

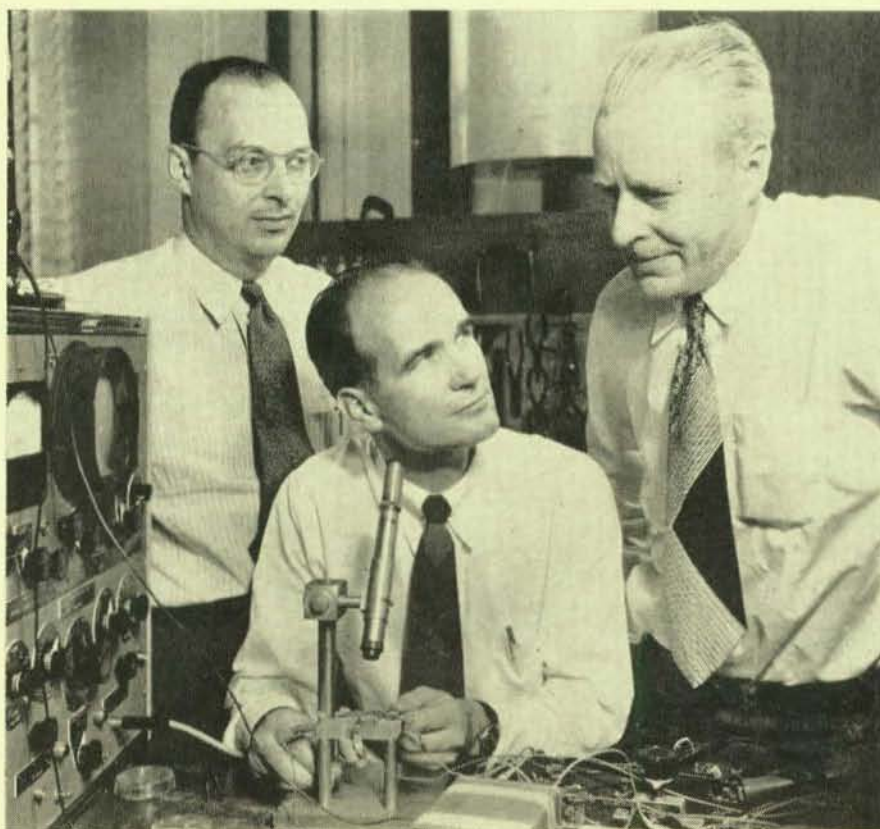
tronics; indeed, the revolution is already beginning."

The first announcement of the transistor was made about four years ago by Bell Telephone Laboratories when it was still in the experimental stage. It was described then as a very simple device capable of performing efficiently many of the functions of an ordinary vacuum tube. However, except for the work it does, there the resemblance to the vacuum tube we know, ends. The transistor has no vacuum, no glass envelope, no grid, no cathode. Essentially the original transistor consisted of two very thin wires with their pointed ends pressing against a tiny speck of germanium which substance belongs to that group of materials known as semiconductors. The wires and the little piece of germanium are enclosed in a small metal cylinder about the size of a 22 caliber bullet.

The inventor of the transistor is Dr. William Shockley, assisted by Drs. John Bardeen and W. H. Brattain, all of Bell Telephone Laboratories.

The transistor has many advantages over a vacuum tube. The tube's limitations include its size, which prevents design of miniaturized equipment, its short-service life, and its relatively large power

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With this apparatus at Bell Telephone Laboratories, some of the first investigations leading to the discovery of the Transistor were made. Seated is Dr. William Shockley. Standing are Dr. John Bardeen and Dr. Walter H. Brattain.

With the Ladies



The Best of Life

"Grow old along with me
The best is yet to be
The last of life for which the first
was made."

—Robert Browning

Ladies, on your page, monthly, we often direct our topics to a certain portion of the womenfolk whom we hope read THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL. Sometimes we talk especially to mothers, sometimes to young wives, sometimes to career girls. This month, our page is directed to all those ladies who are growing old. We hope, however, that all our ladies will read the page, because the things we want to say this month might someday help all of them to have a happier old age.

Now let's divide this problem of growing old into two phases and treat each as best we can.

Physical Aspect

First *Physically*. Growing old need have no fears for you, physically, if you will be sensible about it. In the first place, if you are afraid of menopause, you are mid-Victorian. Don't be afraid to consult your physician and do what he tells you. Sensible women no longer suffer any serious ill effects from "change of life"—there are drugs and treatments that alleviate to great extent, sometimes entirely, the unpleasantness that our grandmothers or perhaps our mothers endured.

That part about consulting your physician is important—not just when menopause is approaching—but any time after a woman has passed her fortieth birthday. She should have a complete physical check-up at least once a year. Growing old should

have no fears for women who keep themselves in good physical condition. Have a physical check-up, follow your doctor's advice and keep your good health. Watch your diet, don't allow yourself to roll in middle-aged fat. Set a routine of exercise for yourself also and keep in trim. Don't let a flight of stairs get you all out of breath at 55 or 75. Develop good health habits. Drink plenty of water. Keep your elimination regular. Watch smoking and drinking. Don't let these habits become so overworked that they hamper you physically, especially as you face middle age.

Keep Beauty

Now while we're dwelling on the physical part of this growing old, the other detail concerned is beauty. Just because you are growing older doesn't mean that you must lose your beauty. Indeed a great many women become more attractive as they grow older—*provided they do certain things*. The older a woman gets, the more important grooming becomes. The older woman should see that her hair and skin and nails are immaculate at all times. She should have an attractive hair-do appropriate to her age. She should dress appropriately. This last point is extremely important. There is nothing that so points up the onslaught of age in a woman as dressing like sweet sixteen. Fluffy little dresses, dirndl skirts, are cute—on teen agers. On mature women they're ridiculous. But by dressing to suit your age is definitely not meant that the older woman must be relegated to blacks and browns and drab colors. Bright colors are becoming to older women and besides they do something to build morale—so be sure your wardrobe, as you grow older, contains plenty of rich blues and reds and greens, as well as some beautiful pastels—gold and violet and rose.

We could go on and on talking about this topic of keeping yourself beautiful through middle age, but space will not permit. But just remember this, some of the most attractive women in the world today are grandmothers—Marlene Dietrich, for example. Many a woman who was considered unattractive as a girl has found a dignified beauty in maturity.

There is something about the mellow beauty of a calm, serene, well groomed, attractive woman that even the radiant beauty of youth cannot match.

Mental Aspect

Time rushes on and space is short. We must take up the second feature of our treatise—the *Mental phase* of growing old.

No woman ever has to grow old mentally—and she deserves to be shot or left to languish in miserable old age if she does. Too many women dread growing old because they have lived for too long in a little world that encompasses themselves and their children and their small household problems. Come the day when the children grow up, marry and move away—and they think life is finished for them. *It is not!* And you must never let it be finished for you until the day they actually take you to the cemetery.

Keep interested in things and people. Join clubs. Take classes. Develop hobbies. Cultivate your old friends and make new ones. Read books. Listen to good music. Read the daily newspaper. Keep yourself alert. Refuse to let your mind stagnate. Cultivate the society of young people. Devote some time to your grandchildren—taking them places and teaching them things. Be a real companion to your husband—good company for him, not just the woman who cooks his dinner and darns his socks.

Remember This

If you are always interested in other people and in lots of things—



here is one fact you can bet your bottom dollar on. You will continue to be interesting. It is only selfish, self-centered people who turn out to be the lonely, miserable ones.

And girls, as long as we're putting all our cards on the table, there's one more factor we feel duty bound to mention in this little discourse on growing old. Men as a rule do not age as quickly as women. And sometimes they philander, even the very best ones. When they do, only too often the wife is at fault. Knowing that she is growing older, facing menopause or going through it, she becomes fearful, nervous and inclined to forget all about her husband in worrying about her own troubles. Don't you be one of those. You make up your mind that you are going to be interested in your husband and in everything he says and does. (Sure that may be hard some times but it will pay dividends in happiness, lady.) Try to keep yourself looking well groomed and attractive. Don't complain. Try to make his hours at home with you so comfortable and pleasant that he wouldn't think of looking elsewhere for any female companionship.

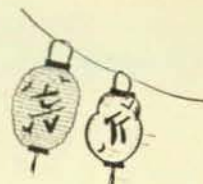
Attention Spinsters

We've said a lot about the married women. Now what about the single women. There must be some "old maids" or "bachelor girls" among our readers. For you, probably growing old is hardest of all for you have to face the end of your life without the steady hand of a husband who is growing old too, or the pleasant nearness of the children you have brought into the world. But never you doubt for one instant that your later years can't be pleasant and happy also. Remember that one little maxim about being interested in others. Show a sincere interest in others and you will never want for real friends and companions. If you have been a working woman all your life, continue to take a deep interest in your work and do it the very best you can every day of your life. You too, must develop hobbies, take classes, invite people to your home. If you know any lonely people, be kind to them, and in so doing you will miss loneliness yourself. Refuse to be self-centered and you will come through your September and November days, a happy, useful person.

Time's up ladies. Just take this parting thought with you, the one Robert Browning bequeathed to us all. Youth and young adulthood and middle age all were created to bring us the most wonderful part of life—the end where eventually we shall all find eternal youth and happiness and peace.



Chinese Recipes



THIS month we turn to ancient China, land of rice and pagodas, to bring you some favorite recipes. Here's that always popular dish.

CHICKEN CHOP SUEY

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| 2 cups cooked chicken | 2 cups mushroom liquid, and chicken stock |
| 2 tablespoons fat | 1 teaspoon soy sauce |
| 1 small onion, cut thin | Salt and pepper |
| 1 cup diced celery | 1 No. 2 can bean sprouts |
| 1/2 green pepper, cut thin | 1 tablespoon cornstarch, with 1 |
| 1/4 cup mushrooms (sliced or buttons) | tablespoon water |

Water chestnuts, if desired.

Remove chicken from bones and cut it as evenly as possible into thin strips about an inch long. Melt butter or chicken fat in a skillet, add onion, celery, green pepper and mushrooms (if fresh ones are used). Brown slightly and add liquid. If using the remains of a roast chicken, get chicken stock by cooking the bones from which the meat has been picked, in just enough water to cover—or use canned chicken soup. Allow vegetables to simmer in the stock until tender—about 15 to 20 minutes. Add soy sauce, season to taste with salt and pepper, and stir in cornstarch. Boil 5 minutes. Add chicken, sprouts, and mushrooms (if canned ones are used). Heat thoroughly but do not boil. Serve hot with boiled rice. Serves 6.

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CHICKEN CHOW MEIN

Serve above with fried noodles instead of rice. Also 1/2 cup sliced water chestnuts may be added.

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BOILED OR COOKED RICE

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| 1 cup rice | 2 cups cold water (scant) |
| | 1 teaspoon salt |

Measure rice before washing. Wash thoroughly, drain. Place rice, cold water and salt in a tightly covered kettle of medium to heavy weight. Heat until water boils vigorously. Reduce heat to keep rice barely simmering; cook 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from heat but keep warm where there will be no danger of scorching and let stand 20 minutes longer to dry out and fluff up. As soon as cover is removed, toss the rice lightly with a long handled fork to allow steam to escape and prevent moisture from collecting in the bottom of the dish. Rice may be soaked for 1 to 2 hours before cooking if the measured water is used both for soaking and cooking. This will shorten the cooking time.

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For some real Chinese cookies try:

TSOI YAN BENG (Sesame Cakes)

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| Sift together | 1/2 cup milk |
| 1/4 cup flour | 2 tablespoons butter melted |
| 1/4 cup rice flour | 1 egg slightly beaten |
| 1/4 cup sugar | 2 tablespoons sesame seed. |
| 1 teaspoon baking powder | |

Gradually add the milk, butter and egg to the flour and mix into a smooth batter. Spread thinly on a well-buttered pan, sprinkle with sesame seed and bake at 350 F. for 15 to 20 minutes. Cut into small squares when cold.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Q. I would like to have a wiring diagram or sketch showing necessary testing apparatus, to locate a grounded motor on a 440 volt circuit. How can this be accomplished without shutting off the power to the motor? Someone suggested superimposing a 110 volt interrupted signal and a pickup coil connected to a receiver; just how would this be accomplished?

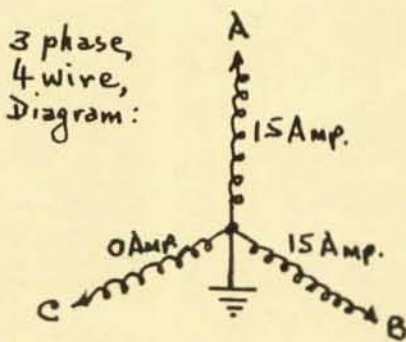
ENNIS C. HURDLE,
Local 197.

A. To locate a grounded motor it is suggested that the greenfield or conduit to the motor be separated from the motor terminal box and the base be isolated from ground. Then by means of a voltmeter, test whether there is any voltage to ground from the motor's frame or housing. It is better, of course, to disconnect the motor's feeder and test each of the leads to ground by means of a "megohmmeter." This department has not heard of superimposing 110 volt interrupted signal on a 440 volt line and we would only suggest an equal voltage for this type of test.

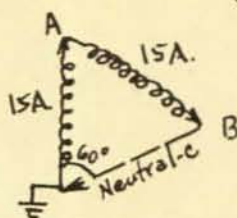
Q. I wish to find a method of determining the amount of current in amperes in the neutral wire of a 3-phase, 4 wire, star connected set-up. In other words, I want to know why, when the load is balanced on two phase wires, the current is the same in the neutral wire as on two outside wires. Also, what would the current be in neutral wire with three phases and neutral

in use with say 5, 15, 30 amperes on the hot wires? How does this setup work in simple terms of arithmetic? All the textbooks seem to sidestep this issue, at least I am unable to find one that dares to tackle the problem. P.S. Please omit my name or identity if you publish this as some of our contractors think we are supposed to be able to do anything or everything under the sun without help from anybody.

A. To find the current in the neutral wire for equal currents in one phase:



Equivalent Vector Diagram:



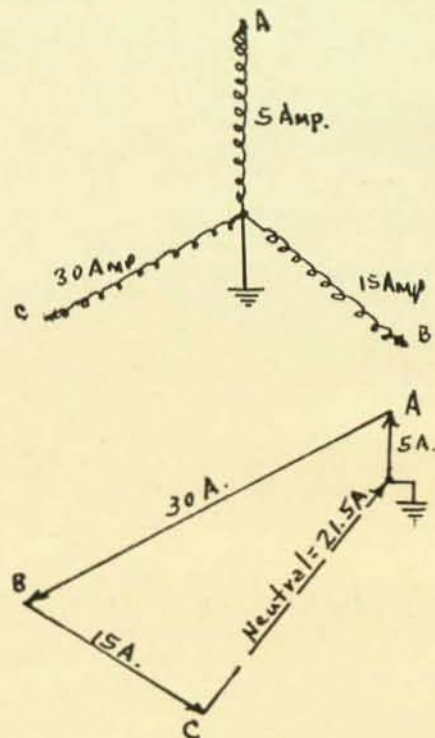
$$C^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \theta$$

$$C^2 = 15^2 + 15^2 - 2 \times 15 \times 15 \cos 60^\circ$$

$$C^2 = 225 + 225 - 450 \times .5$$

$$C = \sqrt{225} = 15 \text{ Amps.}$$

To find the current in the Neutral for a 3 phase, 4 wire circuit with currents of 5, 15 and 30 amperes in A, B and C phases it is necessary to use a vector diagram solution so far as this department knows.



Q. Is it possible to make a solenoid to throw a quarter inch rod a distance of four inches? If so, please advise me as to what size diameter and length it would have to be, also size of wire and number of wraps.

V. E. AMBROSIO,
Local 1420.

A. An excellent and practical text book on the design of solenoids is titled: "Relays and Electromagnets" by Benjamin W. Jones: Published by International Textbook Company, Scranton, Pa.

Referring to the above text book:

A = Cross-sectional area of the armature or rod = $\pi r^2 = .05$ sq. ins.

L = Length of air gap or stroke = 4 inches

l = Length of coil, in inches = $1.67 \times L = 6.68$

$$N = \text{Number of turns in Coil} = \frac{3.76 \times 220 \times 1.15}{A} = \frac{915}{.05} = 19020$$

turns from Formula (26) for 220 V.

dm=Diameter of the wire, less insulation, expressed in mils from Formula (27) $dm=10\sqrt{P}$, dm' =Dia. plus insulation.

P=Pull of the magnet, in pounds.

Fig 23, shows Pounds Pull for a known cross-sectional Area, but the above "A" is too small for the graph or a minimum of one pound. (The pull required on the rod should have been given).

$\therefore dm=10\sqrt{1}=10$ mils dia.

NI=Ampere-turns are obtained from Fig. 24 for a certain "A." Again the area is too small for a definite value.

ID=Inside depth of coil, in inches $=\sqrt{A}+.3=\sqrt{.05}+.3=.52$ "

d=Depth of coil winding, in inches $=\frac{(dm')^2 \times N}{10^6 \times 1} =$

($dm'=18.5$ mils for double cotton)
 $\frac{18.5^2 \times 19,020}{10^6 \times 6.68} = .974$ inch

OD=Outside diameter of coil=
 $ID+2d+.3$
 $=.52+2 \times .974+.3=2.768$ inches.

C=Constant obtained from Fig. 19 with "A" as a base.

Formula (13) for Pull: $P=NIA$
 $\left(\frac{I}{C1} + \frac{NI}{7,100,000L^2}\right)$

However to use any of the above graphs and formulae the cross sectional area should be increased to at least .25 sq. ins.

Summary: Coil is 6.68" long.

ID is .52 inches

OD is 2.77 inches

d is .974 inches

Turns are 19,020.

Size of wire is No. 30

A.W.G.

Comment

EDITOR: Referring to the box marker "?" in the diagram which appeared in the April issue of the Worker, I have read with interest the various solutions offered by the Brothers who were interested enough to write in. Unfortunately, none of the answers was correct.

If the box contained an oscillat-

ing device or some kind, it would be difficult to pass any DC at all if the oscillator input was the grid circuit of a vacuum tube or a coil and condenser in series. If the coil and condenser were in parallel, the coil would simply be a series resistance and the wattmeter would show the product of the volts times the amperes. But the wattmeter shows zero, so the oscillating device cannot be the answer.

If the box contained a battery, this would either buck the flow of current if placed in series opposition (positive to positive and negative to negative) or increase the flow of current by raising the voltage if connected the usual positive to negative series connection. If a resistor were in the box, it would simply lower the value of the current. In either case, the wattmeter would show the product of the voltage and the current as watts. A condenser would stop the flow of DC altogether so that rules it out as the ammeter shows current and DC at that as all the meters are DC type.

Actually, all that is in the box is any kind of a single pole switch being opened and closed 25 to 60 times a second, depending upon the damping of the meters. The contacts of a 60 cycle relay will do the job or a pair of insulated contacts on a bell clapper or buzzer. When the switch is closed, the current rises but the voltage falls. When opened, the voltage rises but the current falls. So the voltage and current are always in opposition and the wattmeter, reading the algebraic product of these two, reads nothing as a plus number times a minus number always gives a minus quantity. The voltage and current are as effectively 90° out of phase in this DC circuit as they would be in an AC circuit containing only inductance or capacitance. The ammeter reads 2 amps because it jumps to 4 amps when the switch is closed and 0 when it is opened. To get the effective amps, add 4 and 0 and divide by two. That's why there is a 2 volt drop across the one ohm resistor and the voltmeter shows 2 volts.

The boys in my fifth year apprentice class had a lot of fun with

this problem where I used it to demonstrate the importance of the time factor in electrical circuits. Thanks for publishing the diagram.

GUS JACOBSON

EDITOR: I wish to call your attention to an error in your answer to Brother Vito Spera's question in the March issue.

You state that if a 220 volt lamp is used the tap on the resistor will be such that there is less resistance in the circuit to ground. This is incorrect and should read "more" instead of "less."

It is obvious that a 220 volt lamp used instead of a 120 should be connected to the resistor further away from the grounded end which would mean more resistance between the grounded end and the tap where the lamp is connected. You should also have mentioned that if neon lamps are used they should be used in all three places and not mixed with incandescent and that all three lamps should be of identical characteristics. Lamps of different characteristics draw different currents and if different currents are drawn through a resistor the voltage drop across the resistor varies, which would affect the brightness of the lamps (would not be equal intensity).

Detecting a partial ground with this system is not difficult and for all practical industrial purposes it can be detected very well. A very high resistance ground cannot be detected well, but this type of grounds usually do not alarm anyone. I do agree with you that other types of ground detectors are more satisfactory.

FRED HARTUNG, A.I.E.E.

I. O., formerly Local 26

In our answer to Brother Spera's question on the ground detector it was not our intention to compare the taps for 240 volt and 120 volt lamps, but merely that there was 480 volts to ground and a 240 volt lamp would require a tap with less resistance to ground in order that there would be a 240 volt drop across the resistance between the lamp tap and the tap on the 480 volt phase line. We are grateful to Brother Hartung for his letter of clarification of this suggested comparison.—EDITOR'S NOTE.

Eighth District

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Jr., manager, Montana Chapter of NECA, spoke on the subject of Government relations. Mr. Don Clayton, president of NECA, delivered a very interesting address relating to the problems confronting electrical contractors, particularly the procurement of copper which is of vital importance to the electrical industry. He also stressed the need for training of journeymen within the industry in the proper handling of aluminum conductors and the proper connections to be made when aluminum and copper are joined together.

International Secretary J. Scott Milne was also in attendance at the joint assembly. He made a comprehensive report on the Electrical Workers' Benefit Fund, pointing out that great strides had been made in bringing the fund to a more actuarially sound basis.

He explained the Silver Jubilee Plan whereby local unions and individual members of our Brotherhood are invited to make loans to the fund for the purpose of making it more secure. Mr. Milne said that he was confident that the sum of \$10,000,000 would be raised by the 1700 locals of the IBEW for this purpose.

Brother Milne pointed out that the IBEW, in cooperation with the Contractors association, constitutes a real service organization, and that each individual member of the IBEW should be a salesman for the electrical industry, thus developing more work opportunities for our membership.

Another speaker at this session was Mr. Bill Howell, assistant secretary-treasurer of the National Electrical Benefit Fund, who read a full report on the fund and stressed the fact that it was necessary for the local union representatives to be more diligent in their efforts to see that every employer of IBEW members pays into the fund.

At the separate business sessions held for the IBEW members, many business managers reported on con-

ditions prevailing in their various localities. There was a general complaint from all local unions represented, on the terrifically long time which elapses in the processing of wage adjustment cases. Other subjects which came in for full discussion were jurisdictional disputes with other organizations and the job protection clause as it is contained in some of the agreements now in effect.

Another topic which evoked wide interest was city and state laws for electrical installations both for the inside and outside branches of our industry.

Along with the reports of the business managers representing the locals of the 8th District, staff members from Vice President Wright's office gave a report of the activities in the various areas in which they are working. It was brought out that extensive organizing campaigns were being carried on in the 6th and 7th Region of the Bureau of Reclamation and on the Idaho Power Company properties.

While much business was conducted during the days of the conference, the entertainment phase was not overlooked. Much pleasant entertainment was planned and the banquet closing the conference Saturday night was an affair to be remembered.

The JOURNAL is grateful to Vice President Wright for sending us information from which to compile this report.

Transistors

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requirements with accompanying high generation of heat.

In contrast, the transistor can be made smaller than a lead-pencil eraser.

Transistors are noted for their sturdiness. Transistors have now been produced which are known to withstand shock and vibration better than any known vacuum tube. In laboratory tests they have outlasted most vacuum tubes by several lifetimes, and it is believed that properly made and handled, they can last indefinitely.

Regarding the third advantage of the transistor over the vacuum tube, the power requirement—total operating power of transistor devices is astoundingly small. Comparable vacuum tube circuits require up to a million times as much power. Here is how Dr. Ralph Bown, research director of Bell Laboratories emphasized the importance of this asset of the transistor:

"Power consumption of this new type of transistor is remarkably low. The signal level often found in modern electronic equipment is about one millionth of a watt. But a full watt is ordinarily used to amplify this signal by conventional tubes. This is about like sending a 12-car freight train, locomotive and all, to carry a pound of butter. The new transistor, unlike any earlier amplifier, can be operated on about a millionth of a watt, which is just sufficient to carry the signal without waste."

And with its low operating power drain, the heat generated by the transistor is negligible. Because of this and because of its ruggedness and its small size the transistor is a Godsend to harassed equipment designers.

There is an unlimited field for the use of the new transistor. It is presently at use in the equipment being manufactured by the Western Electric Company for the nationwide long distance dialing program to be undertaken by the Bell System.

There is still much work to be done on, and with, the transistor and in the future it will probably open up many new fronts on the electronics horizon. We of the Electrical Workers, particularly our people in manufacturing, in telephone, radio and TV work, will as always, be intensely interested in the new developments in the "revolutionary" transistor as they unfold, and ready, willing and able to incorporate them into our work in order to give more perfect and more complete service to Mr. and Mrs. America.

Local 1 Services New Shoe Factory

L. U. 1, ST. LOUIS MO.—The latest St. Louis firm to join the ever-increasing westward movement to the suburbs is the Brown Shoe Company, one of the largest shoe manufacturers in the nation.

The firm built its present offices and warehouses at 1700 Washington Ave. 40 years ago—in the heart of metropolitan St. Louis. The site was easily accessible from all parts of the city on streetcars—and later buses—that ran along Washington Ave.

Continual growth, however, has made it necessary for the company to expand. The 1912 office space is inadequate for the 1952 staff. In their search for a location for a new office building, officials found zoning laws and restrictions which prevented them from building on desirable locations within the city. With an eye to future growth, the company chose the city of Clayton for the new office building. There, the company is providing new and modern facilities for their employees.

The building is completely air conditioned. Lighting consists of 3000 sections of four-light fluorescent fixtures. Miles of underfloor duct, house equipment for 115 volts, telephones, auto calls, and inner communications to all parts of the building.

The company expects the building to be completed in the fall.

The new welfare and vacation plans of Local 1 were explained in the August issue of the JOURNAL. At that time, only Class A wiremen, residential wiremen and apprentices were covered. The local now has extended coverage of the hospitalization, sick and death benefits of the welfare plan to cover wives and minor children of eligible members. These members are also enjoying two full weeks of vacation with pay.

This month, your reporter is going to enjoy those two weeks . . . I'm hanging out the "Gone fishing" sign, and I hope the big ones are biting in Mobile Bay.

FRANK G. KAUFFMAN, P. S.

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If You're Undecided, Vote Against Someone

L. U. 3, NEW YORK, N. Y.—The time to register for the privilege of voting in the Presidential election in November will probably have passed for most of us by the time this appears in print. For those that still have time and have not yet registered we urge them to be sure to remember that voting for your candidate is a privilege and part of every man's and woman's civic duty and not to be considered an irksome

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chore. Having done your duty by registering and voting you may feel free to criticize public officials and administrations, if you so desire, whether your candidate won or lost.

If you are one of those who feel and say "I won't vote for any of those guys, they all stink, then for the love of Mike get out and vote AGAINST some one. A good strong minority is a powerful force to keep the majority party in line. They never know when the minority may suddenly become the majority. As proof of what can be done when enough people vote AGAINST a candidate we refer you to what finally happened to two Senators and one Representative that had been

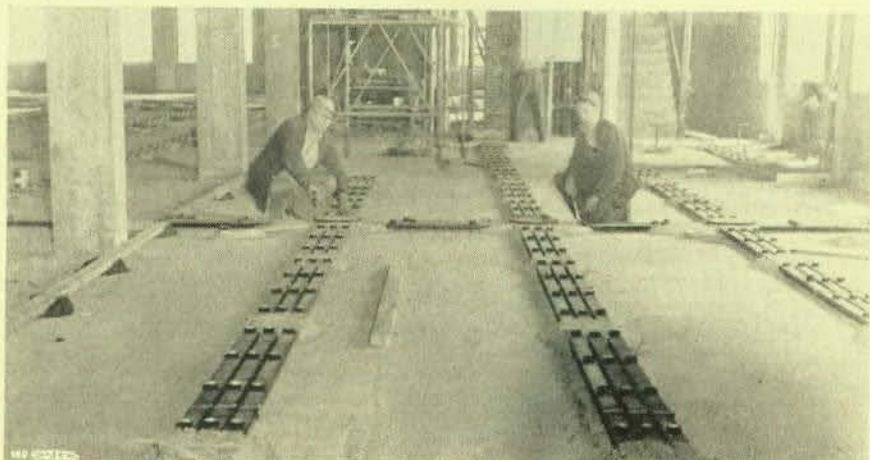
elected so often that they got to believing they could do as they pleased. We mean Senators Brewster of Maine, McKellar of Tennessee and Representative John Rankin of Mississippi all of whom were defeated in their own party primaries. They were not merely conservatives or reactionaries. They had become out-and-out obstructionists and finally their records caught up with them.

Our editor of the ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL has provided us with a wonderful means of knowing which of our Congressional Representatives we should vote against. Turn to page 44 of the August issue of our JOURNAL and check up on your representative by a little study of the

Installation by Local 1, St. Louis

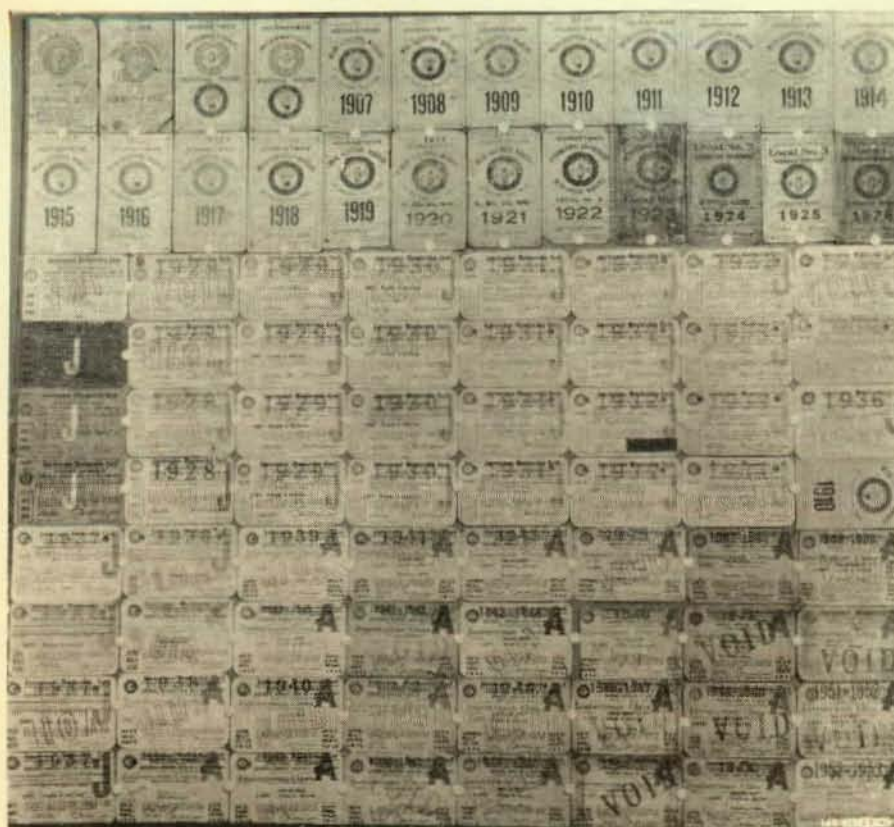


This is the exterior of the new Brown Shoe Company office building located just outside of St. Louis, Mo. Electrical work is being performed by members of Local 1. A large parking lot is located at the rear of the building and the telephone cables and poles are soon to be removed.



Miles of under-floor ducts were installed by Local 1 members on the Brown Shoe Company job. Members handled all transits, surveyors' levels and the setting of all the concrete grouts. At left is John Kaiser, at right Bill Keller.

Work Cards of Local 3 Member



This impressive display of work cards represents the 49-year long life's work of Brother Frank Bolles of Local 3, New York City, who still works every day, although next February will conclude his 50th year in the local.

"House Voting Record." The "W" votes are so numerous that you fairly have to hunt for the "Rs" indicating a right vote. To give you an example, in the New York State list, we have one Republican that voted "R" right down the line while the rest of his party members voted about 95 per cent "W". Then look at your list of Democrats that voted "W" with most of the Republicans, in all states, especially on the enactment of the Taft-Hartley Law over President Truman's veto.

There is much that could be written for one candidate and against the other which would be stale by the time this is read so we will sum up briefly as follows: Stevenson is against the T-H law and against turning tidelands oil over to the states and by the states to the big oil companies for their private profit at the taxpayers' expense. He is also for the social benefits we have received in the last 20 years. General Ike thinks Social Security bad for our morale and also that with the amendments previously suggested by Senator Taft the T-H law will be O.K.

The General is having a tough time being his own man as he thought he would be. Instead he is trying to placate Taft and Colonel McCormick of the *Chicago Tribune*. The latter

is making third party talk and Taft is still pouting over his defeat. Dewey, who engineered Ike's nomina-

tion, is no friend of Taft's and McCarthy has them all bedeviled. They would like to disown McCarthy but fear to do so because it would tend to confirm Democratic charges against him.

We hope that you as a God-fearing union man or woman, and citizen, will get out and vote for or against someone come November 4th.

FREDERICK V. EICH, P. S.

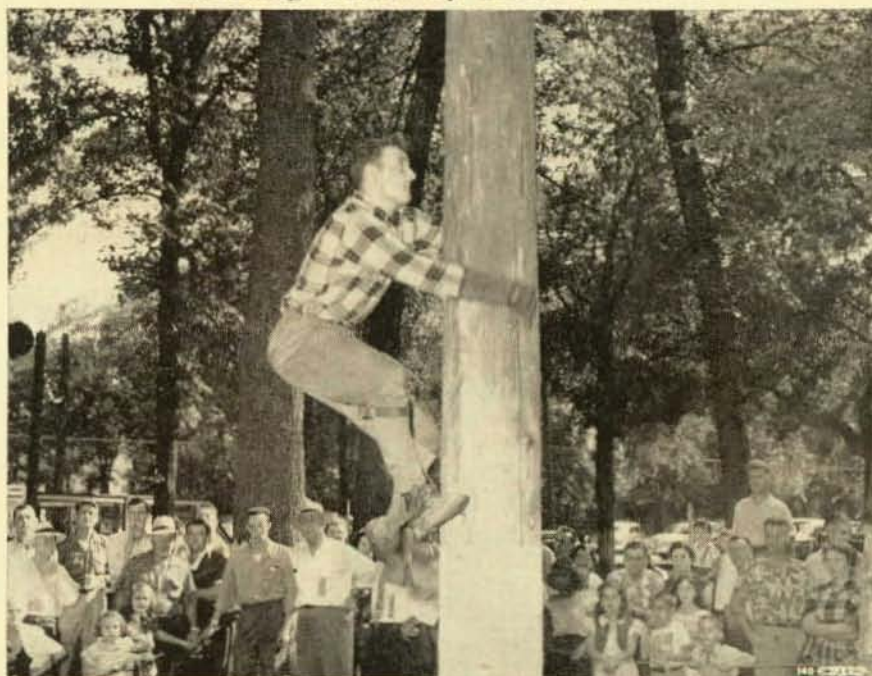
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Local 7's Picnic Is Great Success

L. U. 7, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—The annual clambake and outing of Local No. 7 was held Sunday, August 10th, at Turner's Park, Longmeadow, Massachusetts. It was an all day affair, with lunch at 11:00 a.m. and the bake served at 3:00 p.m. For the first time, in quite a few years, it rained, but in spite of the inclement weather, 134 members turned out for the outing. The athletes found time between showers, for the baseball game, between the Old-Timers and the Youngsters. Under cover during the showers, the boys found plenty of time for beers, gossip, and story telling, so a good time was had by all. Even the "shutter-bugs" found chances between showers to run off a few feet of movie film to be shown at some future meeting.

Among the out-of-town visitors were: Thomas Kearney, Business Manager, Local 99, Providence, Rhode

Exciting Event of Local 9 Picnic



This fine action shot shows Nick Burkard, Jr., on his way to win the two-pole climbing contest which was one of the sports events at the annual picnic of Local 9, Chicago, Ill.

Island; International Vice President, John J. Regan; E. Ittner, Executive Board Member, Local 707; L. Falcetti, president, Local 707; H. Nutting, business manager, Local 1029, Woonsocket, Rhode Island; and R. Van Houwe, Local 1029.

DID-YOU-KNOW? Abe Tikotsky is in Alaska. George Laraunis is in Denver, Colorado, where his wife is recuperating. Charles Thomas was married July 19th. Bernard Seasons celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary, August 15th. Smith College thinks so highly of THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL that they keep a copy in their library with the other periodicals. (Congratulations, Editor J. Scott Milne, for a job well done.)

IRVING WEINER, P. S.

1,700 Local 9 Members at Picnic

L. U. 9, CHICAGO, ILL.—On Saturday, August 9th, Local Union 9, held its lineman picnic at Riverview Amusement Park, and despite the fact that the membership is scattered over 30 square miles of a big city, more than 1,700 attended and enjoyed the get-together.

The games started early and the kids sure had a whale of a time. In fact the games for the children were the highlight of the day. Their enthusiasm and effort to win (all prizes were cash) were topped only by their delight in winning. The crowd watching these games was well entertained. When the kiddies were not participating in games they were entertained by the antics of our clown who was untiring in his efforts to amuse them. The pie-eating contest was another riotous event and it would be hard to say who enjoyed it most—the kiddies or the grownups. One thing is certain, even the losers had a fine time and a good whole pie.

The members qualified all day for the handline throwing contest. Wires were strung at various heights for targets, and the finals were held after the pole-climbing contest. Two poles about 50 feet apart were striped in white at the butt and 30 feet above the ground. The contestants had to put the gaffs in both white marks. It was thrilling and exciting to watch the boys go through their paces. The winner of the two-pole contest was Nick Burkard, Jr., in 30½ seconds (photograph enclosed) Milton Emery last year's winner, was second—Emmett Nelson third, and Stanley Lefler, fourth.

Then came the one-pole contest for the Brothers over "50." The winner was George Ronchetti in 22 seconds—Jim Pendergrass, Bill Hartwick, Lee Carver and Paul Delhaye followed in order.

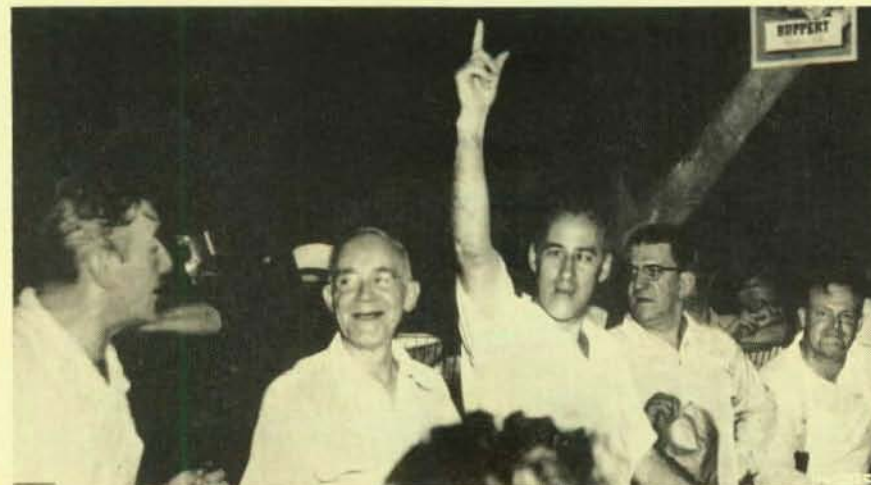
Scenes from Local 7's Clambake



Members of Local 7, Springfield, Mass., and their guests pause in their evening's enjoyment of the annual clambake and outing of the local. Back row, left to right: L. Falcetti, president, Local 707; H. Nutting, business manager, Local 1029, and R. Van Houwe, Local 1029. Front row, left to right: International Representative Walter J. Kenefick; Thomas Kearney, business manager, Local 99; International Vice President John J. Regan; W. J. Wylie, business manager, Local 7; A. M. Illig, president, Local 7; H. T. O'Connor, Local 7, and E. Ittner, Executive Board member, Local 707. Seated: Charles E. Caffrey, International Executive Council.



Apprentices who completed their training during the past year receive their certificates at the clambake. Left to right: D. Goggin, area supervisor, U.S. Department of Labor; Apprentice R. Houle; Apprentice Edward Sweeney; Awarding the certificates, International Vice President John J. Regan; W. J. Wylie, business manager, Local 7, and Apprentice Albert Mireault.



There was plenty of excitement when the door prizes were awarded as shown by, left to right: H. O'Connor, Joseph Girard (Projectionists' Local 186); B. Popp; H. Hilse, and J. McCarty.

50 Years with Local 16 Cited



President Delmar Kallenbach of Local 16, Evansville, Ind., presents a certificate in commemoration of 50 years of continuous membership to retiring Brother J. W. Springer.

The handline finals followed. The high wire was won by Nick Burkard, Jr., followed by R. R. Renk, Walter J. Burke, Jr., James Loid, Sylvester Olk and E. D. Simmoons in order. The low wire was won by Sam Mirabelli, followed by James C. Ganas, Ed. Boyle, John Gibson, Jr., C. Schumaker, Tom Garrity, Morgan P. Burke, Jr., Carl Jachens, Milt Emery and Frank Prindeville.

A good ball game followed between the North Side vs. South Side City Employees. The South Side took their North Side Brothers into camp.

The Picnic Committee gave free coupons to the kids for rides in the Amusement Park. Many cash prizes were made to the winners of the several games and contests.

Most of the folks brought picnic basket lunches but we managed to consume 4,000 hot dogs, washed down with plenty of coffee. There were Dixie Cups of ice cream, lots of milk and other refreshments for the children. Last but most important was the beer by the barrel, and I can vouch that the beer-stands were kept busy all day. Then to satisfy those "on the wagon" root beer was on tap.

There was dancing in the evening and that wound up our most successful outing to date.

I think we, the membership, should give our Picnic Committee a rousing vote of confidence and thanks for the tremendous job they did in arrang-

ing such a swell time. THANKS FELLOWS, and we are waiting for you to surpass yourselves next year.

NICK BURKARD, P. S.

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Evansville Has 50-Year Member

L. U. 16, EVANSVILLE, INDIANA.

—At our last regular monthly meeting, Local 16 President Delmar Kallenbach on behalf of the International Officers and the members of Local 16, presented Brother J. W. Springer, veteran member of Local 16, with a 50-year membership pin, Scroll and 50-Year Anniversary Coin, in tribute for Brother Springer's long and faithful service to our Local 16—to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and to the trade union as a whole.

Then President Kallenbach wished Brother Springer all the best for the future and expressed the hope that the membership will be able to enjoy the company and companionship of Brother Springer for many more years.

In accepting the award, Brother Springer thanked the International Officers and members of Local Union 16 for their good wishes. In a brief outline of his experience in this and other locals of the I.B.E.W. he reminded us that he was initiated in

Local Union 177, in Paducah, Kentucky, on December 31, 1902, as a journeyman lineman, when they worked nine hours a day for \$2.25. He sighted the gains that have been made over the years through the determination of Brothers working together for the good of all. He came to Local Union 16 in 1907 and was known as the "Tri-State Tramp" working for the Home Telephone Company, in Paducah, Kentucky, Bell Telephone Company, Henderson, Kentucky and the Bell Telephone Company, Evansville, Indiana. He also worked for the local brewery in Evansville. For the last 24 years of active work he was with the Evansville Fire Department.

Brother Springer's hobbies are gardening, flowers and making his wife happy—due to the fact that while working at the trade he spent much of his time away from home. Since retiring he has endeavored to make up for the loneliness she endured during his active career.

He lives on a small farm on outer Washington Avenue and is enjoying good health. Good luck and good wishes, Brother Springer and thanks for a fine example.

J. E. WAPLE, B. M.

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New Assistant B.M. At Detroit Appointed

L. U. 17, DETROIT, MICH.—Brother Lloyd McCord resigned as an assistant business manager of Local 17. His resignation became effective as of June 30, 1952. Lloyd served us as an assistant business manager for the past four years. He has been very capable and efficient. We wish him good fortune in his new field of endeavor.

Brother George Spriggs, who has done an excellent job for us as president, has been appointed our new assistant business manager. George officially started his new duties as of July 22nd. George's heart is in the advancement of the I.B.E.W. program. We are fortunate in having another capable man serving us in this capacity.

All committees with the exception of the Detroit Edison Negotiating Committee were discharged with a vote of thanks. The Detroit Edison Negotiating Committee is active until the expiration of the present contract.

The chairman appointed the following new committees: Military Committee: David Peet, chairman, assisted by Bill Tamagne, George Hands, and Tom Malone. Detroit Edison Safety: Andy Strisar, John Booth, Ralph Howery, Albert Fox, President George Spriggs, and Business Manager Al Simpson. Labor Day Committee: Assistant Business

Manager Ole Jensen and Jim Craven are co-chairmen assisted by W. Waynick, L. Martin, D. Peet, G. Hands, C. Farmer, J. Booth with the Executive Board as ex-officio members. The Blood Bank Committee consists of Ole Jensen as chairman assisted by all job stewards.

Brothers, our blood bank has been in operation for the past five years. This blood bank is in conjunction with the American Red Cross and is for the exclusive use of the members of Local 17 and their immediate families. Our blood bank is maintained by the blood donations of our members. Some of our older members have had great need of this life-saving blood and are physically unable to replace it. How about making a contribution? The address of the blood bank is 153 E. Elizabeth, 4th floor and the hours are 2:00 to 7:00 on Monday through Thursday, 10:00 to 3:00 on Thursday and Friday and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Members donating the blood should make sure that the blood is credited to the Electrical Workers Local 17 account. The future success of our blood bank depends on YOU.

We are certainly glad to see Bro. Frank Donahue back in our midst. Frank underwent surgery and is recovering nicely. He has been a very faithful member of our local for over 40 years. Frank retired six years ago and still is very regular in attending all meetings. It is members of Frank's caliber who have made the I.B.E.W. live and breathe. They have passed this heritage on to us and we are grateful. Our gratefulness can best be expressed in the further expanding and development of our very progressive and democratic organization.

JULIUS OTTEN, P. S.

"Register and Vote" Is L.A. Reminder

L. U. 18, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—In this very important election year, Local 18 is doing everything possible to get out the vote. Every piece of mail leaving this office bears the admonition "Register and Vote." One of our staff has been appointed a deputy registrar and in all our meetings we stress the importance of supporting our friends and defeating our enemies. Now, thanks to the "Journal" it has been made abundantly clear to us who our friends and our enemies are. Publication of this record of how our representatives voted on various issues was a very good idea, on which we wish to compliment you.

Now that we know or should know how to vote, it only remains for each and every one of us to go to the polls on election day and vote. If you are

not going to be at home on election day, it is a simple matter to obtain an absentee ballot.

We cannot expect any improvement in labor legislation or to even keep what few good laws we have left unless we have sympathetic friends in Washington. The only way we can put them there and keep them there is with our ballots on election day and we can't do it if only half of us vote.

E. P. TAYLOR, B. M.

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Veterans Active After 46 Years

L. U. 43, SYRACUSE, N. Y.—General MacArthur's reported statement about old soldiers can well be applied to electricians for, "Electricians don't die, they just—fade away!"

The accompanying photograph of a group of L. U. 43 members snapped at a clambake on Onondaga Lake in 1906 is proof of the statement for, while a number of those in the picture have passed on, others are still active in the trade even though 46 years have passed since the picture was taken!

Many of the Brothers will be recognized but, to make it easier to recall the names of those whose hirsute adornment is no longer so profuse or as complimentary in color as it was in 1906, the names of the Brothers are given:

First row left to right: George Gershbacher; George Ervengy; Bob Bradwick; Harry Greenwood; Carl Kenny; Alfred Dewey; Bill Marsh; Charles Marquette. Second row: S.

B. Younglove; Tony Roe; Frank Davey; Alex Jones; Tom Gill; Roy Kenny; Albert Sauer; Bill Garber. Third row: First three are cooks and unidentified; Theron Ames; A. C. Chadwick; Bill Hall; George Bates; Ben McGuire. Fourth Row: Bill Ahern; Fred Axtmann, Bill Brigham. Last man, in striped trousers, is a cook and unidentified.

This news letter is written in a note of sorrow for, today, we buried one of the most widely known and respected of the group—Alex F. Jones, who retired from the trade in 1918 to engage in the electrical contracting business in which he continued actively until nine months ago when a cerebral hemorrhage hospitalized him and, on August 11th, resulted in his death at the age of 74. "Alex," as he was affectionately addressed by all who worked with or for him, was, at the time of his seizure, the oldest active electrical contractor in the city of Syracuse and possessed a reputation for fairness, integrity and friendliness unsurpassed in this city of friendly people. The many members of L. U. 43, who have worked for him throughout the years, have lost a true friend. We are fortunate, however, in that his two sons, Alex, Jr., and Horwood—both members of L. U. 43, will continue the business in the name of the Alex F. Jones Electric Corp., Inc.

WILLIAM J. NIGHT, P. S.

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Local 46, Seattle, Elects New Slate

L. U. 46, SEATTLE, WASH.—Your

Softball League Trophy Awarded



Brother E. P. Taylor, business manager of Local 18, presents the local's trophy to Howard Norris, manager of the top team in the Department of Water and Power Softball League.

Recognize These Syracuse Old-timers?



This photograph, among the treasures of Local 43, Syracuse, N. Y., was snapped of a group of members at a clambake on Onondaga Lake in 1906. Do any of the faces look familiar? Their names are given in the local's letter.

reporter is happy to report that it is like old times around the diggin's now that we have our own duly elected business agent in charge of the office. For over a year Brother Gene Heiss, Representative of the International Office, has been looking after the affairs of this local and everyone agrees he did a fine job. No doubt some of us will be around to see him rise to a position of high importance in our Brotherhood.

The new officers elected in our recent election are as follows: President Earl Patton; Vice President George Whitehead; Business Agent and Financial Secretary Jimmy Thomas; Treasurer M. C. Hornbeck; Recording Secretary Bill Dell; Executive Board: C. R. Adams, A. M. Campbell, H. D. Humphreys, R. L. Irving, E. Racine and M. Stevens. Elected to the Examining Board were S. L. Anderson, F. L. Carstens, S. J. DeMarco, C. Gravens and Jerry Hartman.

Bouquets this month go to a hard-working Picnic Committee for putting on a swell affair. Len Thomas, Bill Boyd and Jim Dailey working with the boys from Local 77, provided the big crowd with an afternoon of drinks and entertainment. The only time things got out of hand and were messed up was during the egg-tossing contest.

Work on several Ross Dam projects is holding the spotlight just now with Morgan Electric and Don Close holding the new contracts.

Now that our working rules are

printed, word has gone out that violators are to receive no sympathy and be dealt with accordingly. Likewise, members who are lax in the payment of dues will find that the heat is on.

Last month a member who admittedly crossed an automobile firm's picket line was fined \$25.00 by our Executive Board.

The classes in code familiarization have hung out the S.R.O. sign and at the present writing have only several openings.

Special mention should be made of Brother Frank Hill, a former Todd's employe, who, though he is too crippled to work, has donated four pints of blood to our blood bank for use by our members.

"KNUTE" MALLETT, P. S.

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25c Pay Raise In Quincy, Ill.

L. U. 67, QUINCY, ILL.—Since I have missed two copies of the WORKER with my letter, I guess I had better get in line again and start to write.

As I said in one of my letters: "If you cannot say anything good about someone or something, it is better not to say anything at all." Now I believe I have something to say and that is that during the past few months the committee has been meeting with the contractors to form a new wage and working agreement. By the time this letter reaches the readers of the WORKER, all of this will be settled

and the wage scale will be raised 25 cents per hour, making the hourly pay \$2.50 for journeymen and the apprentice according to years of service. The committee is now planning to try to get agreements with contractors in the rural area, although there has not been much done so far. Now this is for visitors coming to Quincy—

We have here the parking meters, so it is not much trouble to find a place to park. I believe it is a good idea for revenue for the city and everybody pays, if it is only a penny, it helps that much. Also the city of Quincy has in the past few weeks installed new traffic lights. The old ones were there 20 years or more and were giving a lot of trouble. This work was handled by some of the members of Local 67.

Several of the boys are taking their vacations at this time—one in Mexico, one in Texas and one at his camp on the Mississippi River.

Quite a number of members are working on out-of-town projects, but they always come back as was proven Saturday, August 16 when the local gave its annual picnic. There were about 10 or 12 who came back just for the day and to check on work here.

I am sending you a few pictures which we would like to have inserted in the WORKER, provided there is space for one or two.

R. H. LUBBERING, P. S.

Serious Survey of Political Outlook

L. U. 80, NORFOLK, VA.—Greetings to all the Brothers, everywhere, from Local 80. There haven't been any notable happenings in this area of Tidewater Virginia since our last installment and the working conditions remain the same, manpower inadequacy.

There was a slight error somewhere between the "penning and the publication" of our August column. Brother B. G. Castles was reelected business manager, and Brother J. G. Potts was reelected treasurer of Local 80.

These are anxious days, Brothers, and we suggest that you turn back once again to page 41 to 48 (inclusive) in the August issue of our JOURNAL and, this time memorize the members of the U. S. House and Senate (from your own State) who have legislated against organized labor, regardless of whether they be Democrats or Republicans. It is noteworthy at this time, that the name, Babs Hutton, Woolworth heiress, headlines, once again, this time with added significance. The American people are still at loss for a solution to this code known as "rugged individualism." However, if this phrase means the amassing of multi-millions in defiance of the inherent "equal opportunity," we venture the G.O.P.—under its banner of big business—"change," in reality, simply means "returns."

This is but one instance in hundreds like it, whereby the workers (the flower of young American womanhood, in this case), were bound by the necessities of life, to work eight to 10 hours, six days a week, to amass this fabulous fortune, with no alternative but to accept the meagre wages their employers saw fit to pay them. So we now witness hundreds of these Babs Huttons, Doris Dukes, and playboys who are daily squandering the sweat and efforts of those workers who were forced to remain economically subservient to a point of insecurity. Is it not only logical to agree that the adherents of this philosophy who coined the phrase, "rugged individualism," cannot possibly have a moral or humane definition of "social justice" or "social progress," as distinguished from the G.O.P. by-word "socialism?"

We agree with Kipling that, "A fool will follow his natural bent." However, we do not agree with the G.O.P. phrase "Independent Democrat," as there ain't no such thing. You either are or you ain't. So we take this occasion to coin the phrase "Indolent (lazy) Democrat" for those of indifference, hero worshipping and those having grown fat and sassy who are trying to act like well-to-do Republicans.

Local 67 Officers and Veterans



These are the officers of Local 67, Quincy, Ill. Left to right, front row: F. W. Skaggs, B. F. Heckel, and H. Wittland; back row: C. P. Stratton, C. A. Snyder, and W. E. Hartzell.



The Executive Board of Local 67: left to right, front row: M. M. Hartzell and C. A. Snyder; second row: R. Stormer and D. Caldwell; back row: R. Lepper and C. Williams.



These members of Local 67 represent over 100 years of membership in the I.B.E.W. They are, left to right, front row: W. E. Hartzell and G. Coulson; second row: J. Bocke, A. Young, and H. Wittland.

With the vibrant signs of decent living and prosperity at every turn, work at its highest peak in history, individual home and car owners beyond any dreamed of proportions, we are reminded (by those who value gold greater than the nation's security) of the exorbitant taxes that are arming the nation, and our allies alike, that we may avoid a Communist Pearl Harbor on our own home grounds. Our memory goes back a short 20 years to the strains of "Happy days are here again," when a hungry, ragged nation arose from its knees to break its economic bonds, unlock the vaults and drive the money changers from the temple. Is there any wonder that we are apprehensive lest these so-termed "Independent Democrats"—who have forgotten so soon—once again subject the nation to an era of economic slavery?

As this is it, we recall some former questions. Will labor, by and large, stand by its guns with a steady purpose of mind, etc.? Will "We the People" renege when the chips are down, etc. And in conclusion, should the government of the people on Main Street remain in Washington, D. C. or should it "change" to Wall Street?

Au Revoir.

J. V. HOCKMAN, P. S.

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Jamestown Members Enjoy Fine Picnic

L. U. 106, JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—The regular monthly meeting of Local 106, Jamestown, New York was held at the Temple, August 26th. A large number of Brothers were in attendance and a lengthy session took place. After the business was concluded, sandwiches and refreshments were served with comments of approval.

As the month of August begins drawing to a close it is with a little more than wistfulness that we look back on a wonderful summer here in southwestern New York. Muskie fishing here on Chautauqua Lake has been the best in years and those of our Brothers who are fishermen have been enjoying this thrilling sport, with good catches, all summer.

As referred to in the past, a good attendance at the meeting was noted. However, there is still a good portion of our members who are forced to seek employment away from home. New York has opened up here in the past month and some of our Brothers have been called home for employment which makes it more enjoyable for all concerned.

Activities in our Local 106, have been increasing socially as of late. Brothers and their families were treated to a fine picnic last July 20th at Allegheny State Park. A large number turned out for the occasion

and the kids, as well as some of the grownups, got a big kick out of swimming at the beach or just wading in the creek. Other activities also took place.

Brother Bill McLearn one of our 50-year members, was unable to attend the picnic having just returned from a union meeting in Pittsburgh that morning. Present from away was B. S. Lyons of Dunkirk,

Have noticed the I.B.E.W. emblems on the windshields of some of the members' cars. These can be had for the asking and the more showing makes for a better spirit in the unity of our local.

Drawing to a close, but first, congratulations are in order for Brother Charles Fagerstrom and wife, Kay on announcement of a "live wire" at their home this week. A baby boy!

Won't be too long now until the fall political campaign will swing into high gear. This election year means a great deal to labor and our best advantages can be reached and maintained only by registering and then by voting.

BENJAMIN DAWSON, P. S.

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It Could Be Adlai, Grand Rapids Says

L. U. 107, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—We are privileged to be the chosen city for the Democratic Presidential kick-off campaign. Governor Stevenson will be here to sound off at our Labor Day celebration. It was four years ago that President Truman started off his campaign in our city and look where he landed—right back in the White House. So, by the same token, it could happen to the Democratic nominee, Governor Adlai Stevenson.

To me, the office of President of these United States is only the beginning of our struggle. We must see to it that our Senators and our Congressmen are elected on the basis of their devotion to the cause of labor and their fairness toward management. And the boys that can qualify are those that see the need for the immediate revision of the Taft-Hartley Act. If we are to be shackled with this monstrosity another four years, I fear that strikes more devastating than the last steel dispute will destroy our national economy with the result that is all too vivid to mention. So resolve each to his God-given right to vote and vote where it counts the most. And further, any man or woman failing to register to my mind is committing treason to his country.

Now for a bit of local news: At this writing Brother Cal Wilford is undergoing a series of operations at Butterworth Hospital and we are all especially interested both in our

prayers and our personal calls that Cal will be given strength to bear this ordeal.

Have just received word that Brother Gerrit Huistra is suffering from virus pneumonia. Surely hope he is on the mend by the time this is in print.

The boys had their bowling kick-off meeting Wednesday evening, August 27th. Officers for the coming season are William Selzer, president, Kirk Jones, secretary and E. J. Justema, treasurer. Here's hoping they have a winning season.

Our Business Agent, Captain Robert Coulter, has been "on vacation" with the Michigan National Guard at Grayling for the past two weeks.

L. R. BLOOMBERG, P. S.

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Election Results At St. Paul Given

L. U. 110, ST. PAUL, MINN.—Local Union 110, I.B.E.W. will start its second decade with Charles R. Brett as business manager.

After completing 36 years as chairman, the members again elected Gus E. Brissman to serve another 2-year term.

Brother George Dempsey was presented with a wrist watch in appreciation of 27 years of faithful service as Executive Board member.

Executive Board members reelected were: Brothers James Roach, Sr. (17th year), Ray Quinlan (15th year), Thomas Griffin (15th year), James Deeg (13th year), Olav Sorlie (5th year), Theo. Warnlof (5th year) and George Schultz, a new member.

Vice-President Capp was reelected and will start his 9th year.

Henry Halvorson and James Chambers will start their 7th year, and Austin Eddy his 5th year as Examining Board members.

The only other change in the officers was the election of John Franklin as recording secretary.

This local union has had very few changes in their officers. The election of Brothers Schultz and Franklin constitutes the only changes in the past four years.

JOHN FRANKLIN, P. S.

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New Partnership at Colorado Springs

L. U. 113, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO—We of Local 113, and I'm sure the rest of the fellows agree with me, would like to take this opportunity to congratulate two of our Brothers. Mr. Halle, a local contractor, recently incorporated his business, and Brother John C. Fowler was taken into the corporation.

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Brother Fowler is a former business manager—financial secretary of this local. He was a member of the Executive Board at the time of his good fortune. We think the move was a good one for both Mr. Halle and the I.B.E.W. We are fortunate to have such a good friend of labor in management. Mr. Halle's fortune is due to the high caliber, knowledge, and complete accord with labor possessed by Brother Fowler. Congratulations John!! Brother Lyle Myers was recently promoted to superintendent for Berwick Electric Company. His promotion was to fill a vacancy created when Brother Ed. Lagergren resigned. Congratulations to Lyle!!

We offer our sympathy to the immediate family and close associates of Mr. Berwick, Sr., who recently passed on to his heavenly reward. Mr. Berwick, a former member of Local 113 had been an electrical contractor for 30 years. He was a very good employer for the I.B.E.W. members, and we hope that Mr. Berwick, Jr. does as well in the continued relationship of Berwick Electric and Local 113.

Long-time employees of Mr. Berwick include Brother Harry Jones, 25 years; Ed Lagergren, 23 years; and Stan Addison who is now superintendent for Jardine's, approximately 20 years.

Remember—Register so that you may vote!! this is our heritage—let's keep it so. A friend of labor should be your friend. Know your candidates and their stand on labor's problems. We can't lose if you do your part, United we stand, divided we fall!

"PETE" COLE, P. S.

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New Committee Ups Local Attendance

L. U. 116, FORT WORTH, TEX.—In the past few meetings our attendance has increased tremendously. They remind us of special meetings when working on an agreement or wage increase, and if this present attendance holds out there will be very little trouble with our next agreement, because most of our troubles will be ironed out before that time arrives. This sudden increase in attendance is the result of a job well done by our newly appointed attendance committee. They have really been working and their names will be mentioned in a later issue of the WORKER.

Our Labor Day picnic committee also did a grand job in obtaining the Ernest Allen Ranch for a ranch style picnic. They didn't leave a thing undone. They saw that we had plenty

PRESS SECRETARY *of the Month*

For our Press Secretary salute for the month of October, we are pleased to take you to our West Coast and salute the able correspondent from Local Union No. 180, Vallejo, California. He is Durward V. McCarty (nicknamed "Mack") who has been engaged in the electrical trade for more than 18 years, and a member of Local 180 for the past four years. Brother Mack is now employed by the Mare Island Naval Shipyard as an electrical job instructor for Gun Fire Control, Underwater Sound and Radar systems as installed on warships.

Brother McCarty has had a very full life of varied experiences. At Miami (Florida) High School he was a four letter man for each of four years (16 letters in all). And at Washington and Lee University was a three-letter man. He left college to play professional baseball and basketball. Tiring of that he travelled a year with Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus as a trapeze artist. Later he travelled with an air circus as a parachute jumper.

During his spare time (where did you get it Mack?) Brother McCarty has written several volumes of poetry and numerous songs, both words and music, some of which have been published. He also paints and does cartooning.

Brother McCarty comes from a staunch union home. His father has been an active member of the Carpenters and Joiners for forty-some years, and Mack started his career as a carpenter too, completing his journeyman apprenticeship in 1932. However he became more interested



D. V. McCarty

in electrical work and served his apprenticeship in our industry also.

"Those were the cut-throat days," Brother McCarty recalls. "A mechanic had to run a thousand feet of conduit or install 20 outlets per day to hold his job."

Brother D.V. is completely sold on unionism in general and on the I.B.E.W. and his interesting associates in the electrical trade in particular. He is grateful to the I.B.E.W. and all his friends for all they have done for him.

And we are grateful to you, Bro. McCarty, for your interesting letters which keep reaching us so faithfully. Keep up the good work.

recreation plus lots of good food and drinks. The boys who did the work are: John R. Granger Sr., G. H. Burt, Sam Jarrell, H. P. Autry, R. C. Kimport, Otto Miller and Jack Burt.

I am sure that every one who knows Brother Charles H. Willoughby Jr. was very glad to have him as a visitor at a recent meeting. Brother Willoughby has been employed for the past five years by the Creole Petroleum Corporation in Tia Juana, Venezuela.

I have just returned from a visit to North Carolina and Washington, D. C. and as in my past visits to Washington, my intentions were to visit our International Office, but something always happens and I never make it. I will next time and I am sure it will be a thrill.

Don't forget to vote and remember it is a privilege.

EARL ROBINSON, P. S.

Joint Board Picnic Called Huge Success

JOINT BOARD, LOCALS 132, 140, 142, 144, 147, 148 AND 149, PITTSBURGH, PA.—On Saturday, August 23, at Kennywood Park, the members of the locals of the Joint Board gathered for their third annual picnic. The day started with a chill in the air, but before long old Sol heated up and it turned out to be an ideal picnic day. The crowd started to arrive early and before long you could find our members and their families and friends all around the park. The refreshment committee was soon busy handing out ice cream, chocolate milk, orange drink and Cracker Jack to the children. In the afternoon races and contests were held at the athletic field. Pictures of the committees, prize winners and their prizes are shown elsewhere on this page. The race for

Joint Board Stages Fine Picnic



By no means the least of the factors that contributed to the success of the annual picnic of the Joint Board of Pittsburgh, Pa., were the fine refreshments planned by the committee at the left. Left to right: Leo Grottenthaler, Local 144; Arnold Hughey, Local 148; Jimmy D'Angelo, Local 147; Chet Bakowski, Local 148, and Bill Kihm, Local 132. At right, the Athletic Committee for the stand-out affair were, left to right: Marty Carney, Local 148; Jack Collins, Local 132; Jim Wintergreen, Local 148; Red Eisenberg, Local 148; Jim Flagg, Frank Slogan, and Harvey Cook, all of Local 142. The outing was held at Kennywood Park.



At the left, is the drawing of the first prize winner at the picnic with Donald Coyle and daughter, Vera (who drew the name) at left, Ken Raynes, Marty Carney, and Red Eisenberg. At right, are the proud winners of the races and their prizes. Front row, left to right: Tom Eisler, son of Charles Eisler of Local 149; Nancy Rosso, daughter of Mike Rosso, Local 149; Larry Miller; Dorothy Poole, daughter of Henry Poole of Local 147; Dolores Sullivan, daughter of T. D. Sullivan, Local 147. Back row: John Collins, son of Jack Collins, Local 132; Kenneth and Nancy Goldstrom, children of Russel Goldstrom of Local 149; Joe Dripps, guest of Bob Phillips of Local 142.

members only, was won by Ed McCann of Local 147. For the wives of our members, Mrs. William Cahill, wife of William Cahill, local 140, won the race and received a lighter for her prize. In the balloon-breaking contest, John Collins, Local 132, won a lighter and Mrs. C. W. Hartman, wife of Carl Hartman, Local 149, won a compact. The winners of the ball-throwing contest were both of Local 142. John Obenour won a cuff link and tieclasp set and Mary Flaig, wife of Jim Flaig, won a compact.

After the races, the drawing for the 44 beautiful prizes was held. First prize a radio-phonograph combination, was won by Rachel B. Stych of Local 149. Theodore J. Baxter, Local 148, won an electric roaster, the second prize. The third prize, won by Regis J. Harvey, Local 142, was a Waring Blender. Fourth prize, a broiler, was won by Caroline H. Gerster, Local 149. The names of the other winners are too numerous to list here, but copies are on display on the bulletin boards. The names of the winners were drawn from the barrel by Vera Coyle, daughter of Donald Coyle, Local 142, Eileen Joyce, daughter of Ed Joyce, Local 132, Don

Pritchard, son of Donald Pritchard, Local 148 and Chuck Coleman, son of Charles Coleman, Local 140.

We all left the park tired but happy in knowing our third annual picnic was enjoyed by all who attended. Were you there? Do you know what a good time you missed? Ask anyone who was there.

The Social Committee, Marty Carney, chairman, Ed Joyce, Ken Raynes and Harvey Cook wish to express publicly our thanks to the Refreshment and Sports committees for the splendid job they did in making this picnic the success it was. We are not forgetting all our stewards and officers who did such a good job of selling the tickets. Thanks to all of you.

Thanks, also to K. F. McNutt, Local 149, for the splendid pictures.

Our contract expires September 30, 1952. It is only open for wages. Several meetings have already been held, but we have nothing to report as yet.

Next month is Election Day. VOTE. Vote for the candidate of your choice, but take advantage of your American heritage and VOTE.

A couple of safety tips. Drive as if your life depends on it—IT DOES. No job is so important and no service is so urgent that we cannot take time to perform our work safely.

HARVEY C. COOK, S. T.
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Elmira Negotiations Produce Good Contract

L. U. 139, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Local 139, I.B.E.W. would like to give some of the highlights on recent contract negotiations. As usual the fireworks started early (guess everybody blew up).

Negotiations had only been under way for approximately 30 days when five of the eight contractors signed with the N.E.C.A. We experienced

**See you
at the Polls
November 4!**

Scenes from Picnic of Local 142



At left, enjoying with his family Local 142's recent picnic is Brother Bill Beck, standing. Bill retired the first of September. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Graffios and their son are seen at right. Dave is chairman of the Pittsburgh local's Executive Board. The affair evoked a fine turnout.

considerable difficulty before the rest of our negotiations were completed with considerable outside interference, but it is all over now.

We now have one of the greatest achievements our local has ever gained. We not only received the W.S.B. Welfare Fund, but also received the approved wage increase retroactive from June 1st to date.

We cannot stress enough the importance of this welfare fund, and the entire body voted its approval at its first introduction. We sincerely wished that every local could have such a plan. This plan is not only beneficial to the member but will in the very near future cover his entire family. Benefits will be effective on September 1st, 1952. For any questions regarding benefits or administration you can contact the Continental Casualty Co., New York City. This company is taking care of the organizing, but also is administering the plan for us.

For all of this we owe a mountain of thanks to our Negotiating Committee composed of Ralph Holleran, business agent, W. A. Wood, Executive Board chairman and Raymond Kieffer, member of the Executive Board.

Last but not least we would like to thank Vice President Liggett on sending one of his very able representatives, Al Terry in for our negotiations. Brother Terry was here through our entire battle with N.E.C.A. and the local contractors.

Again we are indeed thankful for our last achievement.

LES SWANK, P. S.

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Retirees Honored By Local 142

L. U. 142, PITTSBURGH, PA.—On Friday, August 15, Bill Patton, building repairman at Reed Station, left for his vacation. Brother Patton retired the first of September. Before he left, Bill was presented a purse by his fellow workers.

Bill Beck, Stanwix Plant, also retired the first of September. The picnic for Bill will be held in September and I'll report on that affair next month. Brother Beck won an electric clock at the picnic, but for the life of me I can't see what use Bill is going to have for an alarm clock.

Ken Raynes, Jim Flaig and myself were at the 12th Street Plant on August 29 to present George Galan a check for \$50.00 from the local. George also retired the first of September. The fellows at the plant gave George a retirement present of fishing tackle and shells for his rifle. Brother Galan gave some good advice to all of us in his farewell talk. He said the union is a good thing and it

will protect us, but it is up to us to do our job and not to expect the union to help us if we don't help ourselves. He also gave good advice to the foremen, "Lead your men and don't try to drive them and you will get more work from the men."

To these Brothers, the local officers and members extend their best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

It was a welcome sight to see so many Local 142 members at the picnic. Reg Harvey, Chris Eurich, Bill Beck and Pete Poelcher were the lucky winners of prizes. The athletic superiority of BI was shown in the contests. The great throwing arm of Jack Obenour won him a cuff link and tie clasp set in the ball throwing contest. Mary Flaig, wife of Jim Flaig, came through and won the ball-throwing contest for women.

I don't know why the balloon Mike Rosso was blowing didn't break. It certainly was the biggest one. Mike's



Patty and Elinor Slogan, daughter and niece of Frank Slogan of the local's Reed Station, snapped at Pittsburgh picnic.



Jack Obenour shows his wife the prize he won in the ball throwing contest of Local 142's picnic.

Local's Gift to Retiring Member



Len Kastner, steward of the General Office group, Power Stations, of Local 149, Pittsburgh, Pa., presents retiring Sister Irene M. Styslinger with a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond from the local's members.

daughter, Nancy, upheld the family name by winning a race.

We certainly were proud of the twins from Local 142 at the picnic. Twin daughters of the Chuck Quinn's and Bill Grose's and boy and girl twins of the Earl Vever's and Phil DeCarpio's.

All our members who were there said they had a wonderful time.

You have heard of people losing their shirts at the races? Bill Grose actually did. It seems Bill went to Wheeling Downs and the weather was hot. He took off his shirt and hung it on the rail. When it was time to leave, Bill's shirt had disappeared. Every time Grose goes to the track he expects to see his shirt on a jockey. Maybe that would help you to pick a winner, Bill.

The chemical shop at Reed is the place to hear some weird stories. Frank Waechli, Blackis Hoffman, Slim Barkley, Buck Wertz, Ed Mielke and some others are always telling of the big fish that got away. Funny thing, you never hear of the big ones they caught. Then the racing crowd of Rosso, Nelson, Slogan, Tropp, Lauth, Malloy, Grose, Balogh, Dugan and others tell of how you should bet on the races. It's good talk, but why do the horses "also ran."

Al Schwendeman, Jim Elder and Bud Whittaker left for a fishing trip to Canada. There should be some tall stories about the fish(?) come out of this trip.

This is dope straight from Joseph Rosinski and Norb Schwartzmiller and I have their word it is fact. It seems Larry Kuczma has been learning to drive. They claim Larry had four permits, took 20 driving lessons, failed in five tests and finally passed on the sixth try. Larry denies this,

but I must abide by the opinion of the majority.

HARVEY C. COOK, P. S.

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Local 149 Complaint Considered by NLRB

L. U. 149, PITTSBURGH, PA.—Sorry to have missed getting my contribution in to the JOURNAL's columns last month. My reading public (consisting of three members, my wife and my young daughter) warned me not to let it happen again. So, in the interests of peace and harmony, I'll slave away and try to squeeze enough words out of the typewriter each month so there will be no more misses.

As this is written, the situation regarding the 37½-hour week on the Duquesne Light property is at a stand-still. Through the National Labor Relations Board, Local 149 filed a complaint of unfair labor practice against the light company, on the charge that the company was not bargaining in good faith. The complaint was filed after a series of 14 meetings, during which the union, in an effort to resolve the question of the application of the shorter hours, had moved four times from its original position. The company would not consider any of these moves and insisted on maintaining its original proposition. Pending the outcome of the Labor Board's investigation, meetings on the question between the union and the light company have been suspended.

Meetings on re-opening contracts concerning wages have begun on the Pittsburgh Railways and Duquesne Light properties. Since the Equitable Gas Company has expressed an un-

willingness to negotiate a new agreement with Local 149 until such time as a proper bargaining unit has been established, Local 149 has petitioned the N.L.R.B. to conduct a certification election on the gas property. The present agreement expires September 30th and it is our intention to request the board to expedite the election so that we may open negotiations before the expiration date.

Another successful Joint Board Picnic was held Saturday, August 23rd, at Kennywood Park. Each year, the picnic is getting better, and the committee, headed by Marty Carney of Local 148, certainly deserves a rising vote of thanks for the excellent job they did. In the afternoon, drawing for 44 prizes took place. Lady Luck smiled on 16 members of Local 149, who were as follows: Rachel B. Stych, C. H. Gerstner, Judith M. Walker, Doris Bruner, W. A. Fullerton, Ralph Updegraff, F. J. Vaughn, C. L. Rogan, Anna Kostuk, R. R. Richardson, A. M. Jenkins, Mary Kay Harmon, J. A. Hatton, Arthur E. Barnes, Patricia Jones, T. H. Bryson.

The local extends sympathy to the family of Brother J. McIlree, (Substations and Shops), who passed away on August 2, 1952.

Elsewhere on the page, is a picture showing Brother Len Kastner, steward of Power Stations Group, presenting Miss Irene M. Styslinger with a \$25 U. S. Bond, upon her retirement from active service in the general office group of the Power Stations Department.

In a few days, the people of the United States will be going to the polls to elect a President of the United States. Only in a free country do we have the right to vote, secretly, for the man of our choice. We can show our appreciation of that right by going to the polls on Election Day and casting our ballot. In 1896, 85 per cent of the eligible voters participated; in 1916, 70 per cent; in 1936, 60 per cent; and in 1948, only 50 per cent voted. If that trend should continue, we could easily lose our democracy "by default." We should not let that happen. It's much better to have a choice by ballot than it is to have no choice by bullet.

VERNER A. KORTZ, R. S.

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Montana Local Holds Annual Party at Lake

L. U. 152, DEER LODGE, MONT.—Sorry we missed last month's issue. But we will try to keep them coming in from now on.

On July the 15th, our general chairman, Mr. Claypatch, was here. He came through on a business and pleasure trip, accompanied by Mrs. Claypatch.

July 19th the local held its annual dinner at Conleys Lake. The dinner, cooked by Mrs. Joe Ryan, consisted of fried chicken, spaghetti, ice cream and pop. Brother Townsley won the chicken-eating contest. Dancing followed the dinner, and I believe a good time was had by all.

The electricians at Harlowton have finally succeeded in getting a workroom of their own. It isn't very large but it keeps the Machinists away.

In closing we wish you a very happy vacation.

FLOYD L. MILLER, P. S.

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Tragedy Strikes Vallejo Member

L. U. 180, VALLEJO, CALIF.—All Brothers and families of L.U. 180 are in deep mourning this month over the tragedy that befell the family of one of our most active, illustrious Brothers, Brother Lowell Curtis, past president and present Executive Board member of our local. During a Sunday drive near Woodland, California, the steering knuckle on his car broke causing the car to go out of control, turn end over end and sink in a deep pool of water. Brother Curtis was able to extricate his wife from the submerged wreckage but his heroic efforts, to the point of complete exhaustion, failed to save their two small children. What can we say, Brothers, or what can we do in such a terrible, heart-rending situation? There are no words to offer the comfort that our hearts and tongues wish to say. There are no acts that we can perform that will adequately express the sympathy and deep sense of personal loss we share with this bereaved family. We stand silently, mutely by, aching and throbbing with mental anguish, prayerfully hoping that time will help heal the pain for them and that the all-wise, ever-merciful God will, in some manner, bring them a measure of comfort and surcease in this time of depression and grief. Words—just words—but what can we say?

SONNET OF TRUST

The Lord but grants a loan of many things

For us to hold, to love and to enjoy;
And, as these borrowed treasures we employ

To bring us pleasures, smiles and comfortings,

We oft forget that every loan has strings—

And one string is that it must be repaid

In full, with interest—and provisions made

That it may be recalled, with sufferings

At any time. Good Lord, Thou did'st decide

To call these little treasures home to Thee.

We don't know why—but in our faith abide

By Thy great wisdom, even if we cannot see

Thy plan. Please, Lord, this loan has been repaid.

Now grant that other loans of joy be made.

D. V. McCARTY, P. S.

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Fifty-Year Pin Given At Atlantic City, N. J.

L. U. 210, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—As usual the end of the month has arrived and caught me totally unprepared.

Tomorrow (September 1st) is Labor Day and with its dawning, marks the end of another season here at the shore. Personally, I prefer the next two months to any in the year but most people visiting here have children to enroll in school at their respective communities so can't stay to appreciate them as we who live here the year round can.

It is with great pride that I announce in this article the honoring of Walter Todd of L. U. 210. He will receive his 50-year pin and citation from the International Office this week. There will be a dinner given in his honor at Wildwood, New Jersey at which all his old friends and officers of the local will be in attendance. I will be able to follow up this article next month with a full account and pictures.

Negotiations with the Atlantic City Electric Company are coming along satisfactorily and by next dead line

for the JOURNAL I should be able to report the outcome.

Just Glancing Around I note that Eddie Trockenbood has recovered from his illness and is working for Bill Gilbert. Glad everything has turned out O.K. Ed.

That Jack Breen is the father of a fine bouncing boy. Congratulations to you and Edith, Jack.

That Jimmie Neucum of L. U. 210 was injured while working. Here's hoping by the time this article appears you'll be O.K. again Jim.

Well, that about winds things up again for another month, gang. Don't forget our 50th anniversary coming up this year.

EDWARD J. DOHERTY, P. S.

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Praise for Journal By Local 211 Members

L. U. 211, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Well, I am going to try and get an article together a little earlier this month because this Saturday night, the 30th of August, is the Life Guards Ball, and I was one of a gang of three that had to unload 22,000 feet of ¾ inch conduit. Yours truly wants to get to the ball and see the picking of the Miss Atlantic City Beach Patrol in the 15 finalists. This is sort of a Junior Beauty Pageant and the girl that is picked will represent the Beach Patrol in the Pageant Parade. Curley is a little tired tonight after unloading that truck, but here goes anyway for the rest of my article.

This scribe has a few bouquets that he wants to pass on to the staff of the JOURNAL. I just caught up to the story in the July issue on page 39 of

New Slate of Local 180 Officers



The newly-elected officers of Local 180, Vallejo, Calif., pose for The Journal. Left to right, seated: Brother Varney, treasurer; D. V. McCarty, recording secretary; Lew Emmons, vice president, and Robert Covey, president; standing: W. C. Green, financial secretary and business manager; F. Patton, L. S. Curtis and D. Low, Executive Board members.

the July issue of the Worker called "Menace in Milk," another of the JOURNAL's health stories. Here's one guy that was enlightened by the contents of that story. Then again in the August issue the report on the "I.B.E.W. Pension Benefit Trust Fund," by the trustees was very educational. And also in the same issue there was an article called "In the Swim." Being a pensioned life guard from the Atlantic City Beach Patrol and retired from the Patrol after 22 years of service I sure enjoyed reading "In the Swim." A lot of the facts I knew and others really brought up memories.

Even though I am retired from the A. C. Beach Patrol I am still active in their organization. I happen to hold two offices. I am their financial secretary and treasurer of the organization for just how many years I really have lost count. We are pretty well organized and recognized throughout the city.

We meet once a week the year around and last night, August the 30th, we held our Life Guards' Ball at the Jefferson Hotel and during the evening's festivities Miss Atlantic City Beach Patrol was picked from 15 finalists out of 50 entries. And guess what—your scribe was lucky enough to pick out the winner, pretty brown-eyed Betty Lou Cochrane, age 16. Believe you me, this young lady was really put together. She will be our representative in the Pageant Parade.

A lot of the Brothers in the electrical trade knew that at one time I was a guard because quite a lot of my friends would stop down to see me when they were in town. I used to give up the trade in the summer to go back on the beach each season.

Perhaps I should keep my big mouth shut but our Business Manager, Herbert Stickel, was a life guard on the Margate City Beach Patrol and later was a captain of the force, if my memory serves me right. He was a good man in the life boat and also in the water. While I am on the subject I want to say August 17th was my birthday, and I am 55 years young. And on the 26th of August the better half and I were married 27 years. How any person can stick that long with one guy I don't know.

Over in Local 210 a friend of mine and his wife had a blessed event and it looks like another lineman has been born. Congratulations, Jack and Edythe Breen. Here's hoping the Mrs. is doing O.K.

In closing I would like to say "Heat will allay pain" asserts a physician. But getting hot under the collar will not alleviate a pain in the neck. See you next month fellows, be safe at all times.

BART "CURLEY" MAISCH, P. S.

Let Journal Spread Truth of Unionism

L. U. 212, CINCINNATI, OHIO—The employment outlook around the Queen City is still fairly bright. All local men are presently employed with quite a number of out-of-town members helping out. The majority of projects are far from being in the finishing stage and the prospective number of new contracts looks very favorable for the future. Personally, I look for quite an increase in expenditures for the present projects under construction after the national election in November.

Speaking of the election, all of us should be more than anxious to get out and vote, as this year is a vital one, concerning every working man and woman in these United States of America.

Incidentally, I've found a way to have your JOURNAL do double duty for you. After you have read your JOURNAL, don't toss it into the basement to become a potential fire starter this winter. Next time you are headed towards town, to visit your doctor, dentist, barber, etc. take your JOURNAL along and see that it is left in some prominent place where other people may pick it up to read. In this manner you are putting your JOURNAL to work for you and your organization by letting the public get an honest conception of labor and the views and aims of its officers and members. The conditions the members of all branches of organized labor enjoy today were only won after long and bitter struggles with industry. A great part of these hardships could have been avoided had the public not been sold an unfavorable impression of unionism by the men who control the outlet of public information. Your JOURNAL can do a lot of work for you, if just given the chance.

There is a note of sadness in Local 212. Brother Ernie Simonton and Brother Jack Seifert passed away this last week in August, just a day apart. They will be greatly missed by all of their many friends and Brothers. I understand that Brother Simonton was still in harness at the time of his death. Brother Seifert had been retired for quite some time prior to his passing away, but was still a familiar figure around the offices of Local 212. Our business manager, Brother Harry Williams will especially miss Jack as he was a companion to him on many a business call. He often inquired of Jack's health, should he happen to miss a few days at the office. Local 212 regrets losing such fine members as these two Brothers.

(Editor's Note: The JOURNAL staff is indeed sorry to hear of the death of Brother Ernest Simonton who wrote for the "Local Lines" section

of our magazine for many years. He served as press secretary for Local 212 and used the pen name, "The Copyist.")

HOWARD E. STAPLETON, P. S.

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Toledo Local Enters Labor Day Parade

L. U. 245, TOLEDO, OHIO—Representing Local 245, Toledo, Ohio at the Ohio Conference I.B.E.W. semi-annual meeting held in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 9-10 were Brothers Stephen LaPorte, Oliver Myers, Vincent Wise and George Thomas. They reported a very interesting meeting and discussions with representatives of other utility locals.

Brother Myers stayed over to attend the Ohio State A.F.L. Convention and was reelected a vice president.

This year Local 245 will again participate in the Labor Day Parade. As this is written just prior to Labor Day there isn't much to be said except that we are sure that Brother Ed Rogers and his committee will have an enjoyable party for the marchers at the end of the parade.

In accordance with a new safety clause that was entered into the contract this year, President Stephen LaPorte has named Brothers Howard Delker, Michael Thomas and Paul D. Schiever to the Safety Committee. Brother Delker has been named chairman. It is anticipated that this committee will meet with the company committee in the near future.

Since last reporting, several members of the local have passed away. They were Brothers Roy Sweet, Alfred Schultz, Luther Cottingham, Wilbur Snider and Jess Thatcher. They were members 18 years, 1 year, 12 years, 10 years and 18 years respectively.

If this should reach the rest of the members of the Brotherhood in time, I should like to make a personal reminder to all that every adult has an obligation and duty (not just a privilege) to cast his vote in the November election.

PAUL D. SCHIEVER, P. S.

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Anniversary Celebration At Milwaukee Is Held

L. U. 292, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—On Saturday evening Local 292 rose up in all of its greatness to pay homage to nine grand men, men who were benevolent, visionary, altruistic. But rising above all of their other attributes, they were union men through and through. These are the men who received the Charter for Local 292: CHARLES E. COE, ORVILL Mc-

The Electrical Workers'

CANN, H. C. McKAY, W. H. BROWN, G. L. ACKERMAN, J. M. RUST, J. E. SUPPLE, F. W. BELL and W. F. CARPENTER.

We're proud of those men and humble that we can carry on in this great organization, an organization that rose from the strength of nine men fifty years ago to the strength of 1,500 members of today.

Also on this great occasion the membership of Local 292 was especially proud to be able to present service pins to many of our retired members. These were the men who really lived unionism and had to defend their positions as union members on every job they undertook. And the proof that the type of defense they put up was adequate, is the fact that we've grown larger year by year. Yes, these men didn't let our union crumble like our economic system crumbled in 1930. Instead, it solidified the union movement. For all of this we owe these members more than service pins, yes more than honor and reverence—we owe them our promise that our union will never crumble. Instead, it will continue to live, to flourish and upon it we stand as a monument to the greatness of the membership of years ago.

Many thanks go also to the wonderful way the committee in charge handled this, our 50th Anniversary Celebration. So for the respect, the admiration of a wonderful time, the impeccable planning and the many hours of diligent work that made up this party, all of 292 wants to thank Paul Bartholoma, chairman, Harvey D. Young, Harry T. Flann, George W. Nelson, Harold P. Freeman, Earl Nelson and Guy Alexander. Many thanks are also tendered to the many members who gave up their time to help in the seating, handing out of programs and the 1001 other ways that they served.

A very appropriate invocation by the Rev. Tenner Thompson of Minnehaha Lutheran Church brought this gathering into the proper theme for such an event. It reminded all of us that we owe thanks to the Lord for His watchfulness and guidance, and that the future of this union will need this guidance just as in the past.

After a perfect dinner, Michael J. Dillon, our county attorney, made a very timely opening and then turned to the first speaker of the night. President E. J. Conway related the history of the local to the present time.

We were told of the courage of our old timers and of how in those days every member acted as his own business agent, partly because he believed so fully in unionism and partly because a part-time business agent was all the local had. It was also told of how the membership walked to jobs or carried all of their material on the streetcars for lack of trucks to carry it. Next, our President re-



OCTOBER'S BRIGHT BLUE WEATHER

O suns and skies and clouds of June,
And flowers of June together,
Ye cannot rival for one hour
October's bright blue weather.

When loud the bumblebee makes haste,
Belated, thriftless vagrant,
And Golden Rod is dying fast,
And lanes with grapes are fragrant;

When Gentians roll their fringes tight,
To save them for the morning,
And chestnuts fall from satin burrs
Without a sound of warning;

When on the ground red apples lie
In piles like jewels shining,
And redder still on old stone walls
Are leaves of woodbine twining;

When all the lovely wayside things
Their white-winged seeds are sowing,
And in the fields, still green and fair,
Late aftermaths are growing;

When springs run low, and on the brooks,
In idle golden freighting,
Bright leaves sink noiseless in the hush
Of woods, for winter waiting;

When comrades seek sweet country haunts,
By twos and twos together,
And count like misers, hour by hour,
October's bright blue weather.

O suns and skies and flowers of June,
Count all your boasts together,
Love loveth best of all the year
October's bright blue weather.

—HELEN HUNT JACKSON.

called for our attention the days of the depression—all the trials and tribulations faced by unions, with probably the toughest, keeping the membership rolls up during these trying times.

The local has gone through three major strikes since the beginning. The first one was in 1906, then 1915 and the last strike was held in 1920. But through these strikes the union learned a good lesson and profited much from past mistakes. Our president also paid tribute to our Financial Secretary Guy Alexander, who is one of the finest, most honest, conscientious workers organized labor has had the good fortune to have. And I might add that we're all deeply indebted to Guy for all of the hard work and the humane touch that he has given to labor. Then, in closing, Conway told us, "we now have three branch units, 1,500 members and a sincere hope that in the next 50 years we can double in size."

One of the most important tasks in making any party of this size function perfectly lies in the job that is done by the master of ceremonies. We were lucky in the fact that we had an expert handle this function, and every phase of this party ran off perfectly, thanks to the Honorable Michael J. Dillon.

Our next speaker was a man with a 100 per cent-for-labor voting record in Congress—a real liberal and a fine Congressman. He is the Honorable Roy Wier, who told us of his many close associations with Local 292, both as organizer for the Minneapolis Central Labor Union and as a representative in the State Legislature. Undoubtedly, Congressman Wier knows our problems and is well qualified to lead the common people's

causes in Congress. Congressman Wier traced our growth for those present and very ably pointed out how we grew in spite of opposition, strikes and ill feelings trying to keep us down. Also, Wier praised us for the progress we've made.

We were also proud to have his Honor, the Mayor of Minneapolis, Eric G. Hoyer present, to bring to our gathering the official greetings of our city. Our great mayor pleased the crowd by telling those of us present that he was at our 25th Anniversary, now our 50th Anniversary, and he surely hoped he could be at our 75th Anniversary.

Mr. Boyle, our International Vice President, was unable to be present, and Tom Murray, business representative of Local 134 attended in his place. Mr. Murray brought out some interesting facts about our Vice President, and the one fact that I'm sure was a surprise to me was that Mr. Boyle worked out of Minnesota at one time. And if we had had a local union here then, maybe Minneapolis and not Chicago would have the good fortune to have Mr. Boyle as its leader. Murray then concluded with the thought that we can never repay the old-timers and pensioners the debt of gratitude we owe them.

Next, our Business Manager Joseph Krech told us that because we are able to enjoy our 50th Anniversary tonight is proof that those nine charter members placed their faith in the right cause. "We should also re-dedicate ourselves to that faith that those nine men had fifty years ago, and look to the future and to bigger and better things."

Our last speaker was J. Scott Milne. In introducing our International Secretary, the toastmaster chid-

ed him about being Scotch. That was all that was needed to have Mr. Milne tell us about the pension program and the "Scotch" treatment every dollar gets there. He remarked that long ago his grandmother told him to watch the nickels and the dollars would take care of themselves. Mr. Milne then went on to tell how our pension membership is rising and of the means that are being taken to keep the plan actuarially sound and explained the Silver Jubilee Pension Plan.

In addition to the speeches there were songs sung by Tony Grise, the Aquatennial Quartet, and accordion solos by Betty Ann McCall. All of these performers are Minneapolis' finest and we were proud to have them at our banquet.

The Rev. Thomas F. Meagher, Executive Director of the Catholic Welfare Association brought us the closing convocation.

"After the program was over, the dancing began and when the dancers finally had to stop the party was over. Yes, it was over for that day, but not over when all present can think back and remember how perfect everything was. The party will live on as the greatest L. U. 292 has ever had."

JAMES P. CONWAY, P. S.

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War Memorial for Fort Wayne Dead

L. U. 305, FORT WAYNE, IND.—The 4-H fair has announced the opening of the 3,000,000 dollar War Memorial Coliseum. This building will seat 10,000 or more people and has ample parking facilities. Some people may ask why spend such a large amount for a building when a monument or statue could be erected for a much smaller figure? This is your answer, we have a habit of erecting a monument or statue, dedicating it and then forgetting until next Memorial Day. This is a living tribute, living in the sense that people will gather to see its shows and marvel at its architectural beauty. They will remember not just on Memorial Day but many, many times a year. We of L. U. 305 are proud to have had a part in this tribute.

On the sick list this month is Bro. J. Bryan who broke his wrist from a fall. Bro. Gorman's eye is responding to treatment after removal of that steel sliver.

Remember Brothers, our meetings are still the first and third Mondays. Let's all turn out as our meetings have been poorly attended. Brother Fred H. Powers, press secretary of Local 347 has written a good article on the subject in the August issue of the JOURNAL. Read it Brothers, he has said it all. As an added in-

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Local 305 Employed on War Memorial



The new War Memorial Coliseum at Fort Wayne, Indiana, is shown at left. This \$3,000,000 tribute to the war dead employed the services of members of Local 305, Fort Wayne. Shown at right are, front row: C. Rodgers; B. Hamilton; T. Foltz; P. Muller. Back row: J. McConnell; B. Vodde; R. A. Filchak, and J. Crouch of Local 1608. Absent but also members of the crew were J. Knecht, S. Horner and Apprentice P. Nicala.

ducement, that new fan is in operation. See you at the next meeting.

W. L. WASSON, P. S.

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East St. Louis Gets 15c-an-Hour Increase

L. U. 309, E. ST. LOUIS, ILL.—Contract negotiations, while at a standstill regarding utilities and outside men, have resulted in a wage increase for the inside wiremen. An increase of 15 cents per hour, has raised the hourly wage rate from \$2.75 to \$2.90.

At this writing we are anticipating the Labor Day program. Because of its close proximity to our 50th anniversary, an all-out effort is being made to make this a Labor Day to be remembered.

Plans are being made to make our 50th anniversary a gala affair.

JIM KEHOE, P. S.

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Workers Scarce in Huntington Area

L. U. 317, HUNTINGTON, W. VA.—The wheels of progress have sure begun to turn in Local 317 territory. The ARMC Steel Mills at Ashland, Kentucky, have settled their difficulties and our I.B.E.W. workers are back on the job, building the new additions to the present plant. Electrical Workers are surely getting scarce and probably will get more scarce in the future. Most of the large jobs are working overtime and as the new atomic plant just 70 miles from here gets going, more extra working time is expected. Our business agent and assistant business agent are surely busy boys at present and our very pleasant office girl has posted a warning sign which reads, "Private Conversation Limited to 3 Seconds."

The chill of the early autumn mornings have brought out many sweaters

and jackets as the boys start their daily work, and there is quite a new "zip" in their step as they warm up for the day's proceedings. It looks as if it won't be long before gloves, overshoes and coke fires will be on the day's work menu.

Local 317 wishes to congratulate and wish the best of luck to one of our energetic members. J. A. (Tommy) Thompson has just signed a union agreement with Local 317 and his agreement is remarkable because of the fact that "Tommy" is the first in our Tri-State area to sign a Radio and Television contract. He is a very capable and honest workman and we hope all union members and friends will give Tommy a "boost" and give him a ring when radio and television troubles come their way. I am enclosing a picture of Tommy beside a

television set that he personally built.

Well in closing I just can't leave out my fishing news. No good around here for the past two months but last weekend the "bull-heads," got over their lazy vacation, began to whoop it up a bit, and the "truth serum" of old man River began to show up in my veins, so along with the future news of legitimate I.B.E.W. happenings I will try and gather in the true and highly imaginative antics of my fishing pals and me.

J. E. SMITH, P. S.

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Local's New Contract Goes to the W.S.B.

L. U. 323, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—It is hard to get started writing these hot days and it is also ex-

Home-made Set by Local 317 Member



Brother Tommy Thompson of Local 317, Huntington, W. Va., kneels beside the television set which he rebuilt from an old Westinghouse radio and television player. Tommy has local's first Radio-TV contract.

tremely easy to postpone until the next day what we intend to do today, but like the mail men say, "the mail must go through." So here it is.

Our new contract has been signed by our contractors and presented to the Wage Stabilization Board for approval. In fact, Business Manager T. P. Culbreth presented the papers himself, making the trip to Washington, D. C., especially for this occasion. By doing this it will cut short the time we have to wait for final approval. Our new scale will be \$2.90 for journeymen and our apprentices will be raised accordingly. Our Negotiating Committee worked hard and deserves a vote of thanks from each and all of us.

Well, the big noise is now over in Chicago and all we have to do is get out and vote in November. Who you vote for is your own private and personal privilege, but do get out and vote. Labor has a lot at stake and could lose a lot that has been gained by not getting out the votes. Wonder why Labor's League for Political Education does not send out to its members, pamphlets on ALL candidates for office. It would help the members to decide wisely when they go to the polls. If they (some of our members) vote like they attend our regular meetings, they are just giving a large block of votes to the anti-labor gang. Come on, you fellows, let's see you at our meetings. Try coming once a month for a start, then you will soon be one of the good old regulars by attending twice a month. I have asked several members why they do not attend and the reply is "It's run by a clique." That's a very poor excuse as each and every member has as much right to voice his opinion on the floor at any time, so once more I say, let's turn out and make our Local "click" better than you think the "clique" does.

We still need around 53 pints of blood to establish our 100-pint minimum for Local 323's blood bank.

We were talking union label and it's very hard to find stores in this community which have the label on their goods; although these stores always have their work done by union craftsmen.

Does the I. O. have a list of manufacturers who do have the label, if so, would these lists be available to us down here? Then we could ask for goods by name, knowing they are made by union workers. (Booklets will be sent, Brother.)

Another one of our members made application for his I.B.E.W. pension. He was Brother Frank Wertz who has been a member of Local 323 since 1924. He is a good guy and we all wish him many years of happy retirement.

Our apprentice group is keeping a good average of attendance at the

regular meetings. Good, fellows, keep it up as you will be the future officers of your local.

If any of our members working out of the jurisdiction get to see the JOURNAL I would like to wish them the best of luck and we would like to hear from them, so the best of everything to Brothers Monohan, Cawthorne, Kelloway, Cribb, Borden, McAfee, Wright, Henderson, also Brothers Worsham and Lamb.

If I missed any maybe they will drop me a line and let me know, so see you all next month.

WALTER FARRELL, P. S.

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Miami Has Many on List of Ailing

L. U. 349, MIAMI, FLA.—Don't tell the Miami Chamber of Commerce but I feel it my duty to mention a list of our members who have been sick or recovering from operations including two who were severely injured in an auto wreck. Ex-President Frank Roche is home from Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, convalescing from an operation. Wish to thank my old foreman on B and O Docks, summer 1929, none other than Carl Sholtz, Executive Council member and Business Manager of L. U. 28 for his visits to our Frank while in Baltimore. Brother Bill Johnson, our business manager, as been in New Orleans Foundation Hospital for check-up and observation. Glad to say that Bill will be back on the job after Labor Day.



This young angler is Tommy Reeder, age three, son of Frank Reeder of Local 349, Miami. His two uncles, Julian and William Reeder, two cousins and his grandfather, J. M. Blackshear, are all electricians.

Pete Turner, one of our old timers, 83 years old, is in Miami's Mercy Hospital. Brother Phil Kemper, another one of those gold seal union men who choose to eat grits and grunts many times instead of leaving our union, is in Jackson Memorial Hospital. Best of luck, Phil. Brother Bill Isener, ex-member of Local 3 is up and around—has had a very serious illness for the past two years. Best of luck also, Bill. One of our younger members, D. Powell, suffered a very painful foot injury stepping into a manhole, breaking several bones in his foot. Come on, D. get well real quick. We need you and your boat for our treasure-hunting expeditions.

Two linemen, Robert C. Hilburn, now in Pratt General Hospital, and C. R. Hodges, now recovered, were injured severely in an auto wreck while returning to Miami from work in Key West.

Our local wishes to extend our sympathy to Brother Julius Grethen in his hour of sorrow. Julius's son, Clifford, a promising young insurance executive, was called to the great beyond. Our heart goes out to you and yours, Julius.

There are two members of L. U. 1 who take great interest in diving and underwater exploring, trying to get a look in Davy Jones's locker. Well, you two fellows, Noltie and Jacobs, listen to this. We may have hurricanes such as you two experienced in 1950 while here at the convention, but where in the world other than Miami, will you find an electrical contractor and his employees who can offer this, no, not insurance or vacations but treasure hunting.

On August 2, 1952, four boats shoved off from the Florida mainland, south of Miami, about 5:30 a.m. very anxious to get away from those mosquitoes that flew in from California, and get down to that old Miami pastime of catching fish. Well, suh! about 7 a.m. we arrived on a likely looking spot two and one-half miles east of any land and within three-quarters of a mile of the Gulf Stream. I mean right out in the ocean. Imagine, wire grafters going away out there for no double time, no straight time, no pay at all. There were eight wiremen and four visitors including Ben Shepard's boy, about 16 years old. After searching the ocean floor for three hours with a water glass, a means of looking to the bottom, Ben Shepard arose and said to me and our President, Fred Henning, "I see an old Spanish cannon down there." We looked and boy, there she lay in about 30 feet of water. The word was given to the other boats; one boat with Pat Gideon, Johnny McRae and D. Powell, all members of 349, and the other boat with Dick Shepard, another member, and Ben's boy, Cannon ball.

Blood pressures began to rise. Would have been a good time for a blood donor's drive. Well, we tried for several hours unsuccessfully to raise the fabulous treasure. Gave up and returned to Miami, disillusioned and with not many fish.

We returned the next Saturday and searched the entire day with no success. A new seaman with us this time, Ritchie, ex-member of Flint, Michigan. Well, suh! the next Saturday some of the fellows went out and got it just like a good union gets an increase in pay. Will continue this most exciting experience in our next issue of the WORKER. Hope to have pictures of unique method of raising the cannon from the ocean floor and possibly a picture of the ship's anchor which we have located.

I have mentioned several times that the South will rise again. Well, fellows it looks like we are getting our guns the hard way. So as we say: "Keep one eye on the South and one on November 4th."

R. C. TINDELL, P. S.

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Wide Interest in Biennial Election

L. U. 353, TORONTO, ONT., CANADA—The biannual elections of Local Union 353 were held this past June and more interest was shown in the contest than has been shown for many years. Few changes were made in the offices in spite of the interest and the large number of nominees.

President J. E. Price was returned to office by acclamation as were Johnny Dolson, treasurer; Bill Farquhar, business manager-financial secretary, and Len Mowat, recording secretary. Brother Doug Gullins is the new vice president, and this is his first try at any office in the local union. Chuck Bailey, Stan Melville, Bob Hamilton, Jim Sparks and Sam Genise were returned as Executive Board members, with "Red" Swales being elected as the sixth member. "Red" is not new to this job, having been a member of the local union since 1927, and has been on the Executive Board for more than one term during that time. Brothers Perc McWilliams and Jack Noble were returned as examiners, with Norm Brooks winning the job as third member of this group. This is also Norm's first time as an official of the union.

They are a fine group of officers and can be relied upon to act in the interest of the members and maintain the prestige of the local union.

We were honored on the night of our elections by the presence of Brother Alex Hay, who was initiated in Local Union 114, of Toronto, in the year 1900 and has held continuous membership in the I.B.E.W. since

Toronto Veteran Honored for Service



Brother Alex Hay, an IBEW pioneer with 50 years continuous membership, appreciatively inspects his 50-year pin while President Jack Price of Local 353, Toronto, Canada, holds Brother Hay's Honor Scroll.

that time. Local Union 114, an inside wireman's local, was the first I.B.E.W. organization in Toronto, followed by Local Union 353, the lineman's local, in 1903. Local Union 114 "gave up the ghost" sometime around 1910 and, by stages, Local Union 353 became the inside wireman's local and the linemen are now in Local Union 636.

Brother Hay transferred his card to various locals of the Brotherhood, returning to Toronto in 1929 where his card remained until he took his pension early in 1951.

Due to ill health, Alex was unable to attend a local union meeting until just recently. He was presented with his 50-year pin by President John E. Price and a check from the local union in appreciation of his many years of loyalty to the I.B.E.W.

Alex was given a rousing welcome by the membership, who had turned out in large numbers in spite of the California-like weather. Alex told of some of the trials and tribulations of the electricians of a half century ago. He was in fine form that night and expressed his pleasure at being in attendance once more. It is to be hoped that Brother Hay will visit with us again whenever the opportunity arises.

The attached picture taken at the time of presentation shows Brother

Alex Hay admiring his 50-year pin, and President Jack Price holding the Honor Scroll which the head office issued to Alex in appreciation of his membership record.

W. FARQUHAR, P. S.

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Local 357 Members Perform Public Service

L. U. 357, LAS VEGAS, NEV.—It has been a long time since this local has been heard from and much has happened since then. To our picnic committee goes a big bouquet of orchids for the grand job they performed. It was the swellest picnic this local ever had. I know I reflect the feelings of the 300 members and their families who were at Lee's Canyon Sunday, 8th of June.

Much also can be said for the membership as a whole for their generosity and willingness to support such projects as Boys State, Junior Buckeroos and the donated hard work on the School for Handicapped Children. If their boss asked them to work that hard, Ralph Leigon (our business agent) couldn't bring enough assistance to quell the riot. It is a fine example set by this local in a state where labor needs every bit of good will it can get and very rarely gets

Hospital Building Dedicated to Local 369



In appreciation for the services contributed by the members of Local 369, Louisville Ky., a new building of Kosair Crippled Children's Hospital was dedicated to the local with the placing of this plaque by the hospital board chairman, Bruce Hoblitzell, shown at right.

any good publicity regardless of how noble its actions may be.

The so-called "Right to Work" Bill will appear on the ballot this November and if all of us don't register and vote this bill down I'm afraid we are all in for a rude awakening. Then we will miss and mourn the fine working conditions and pay we are now enjoying.

Work has been good here the past two years after several years of quite slack periods. Most of the larger overtime jobs though are over and 40 hours prevail again. The town has grown and many of the Brothers who worked here in the B.M.I. days would never recognize it. Things look good for the next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to send my regards to the Brothers I have worked with around the country before the climate—and my wife settled me down.

HAROLD E. CURRY, P. S.

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Rail Local Appoints New Press Secretary

L. U. 360, OAKLAND, CALIF.—The members of I.B.E.W. L. U. 360, decided at their June, 1952 meeting to choose a member to represent us in the ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL. Brother James Dunwoody was chosen, but before he could submit an article, he was called into the service of our country. At our following meeting, I was chosen as press secretary.

Local 360 is a railroad local which has members who work for the Southern Pacific and Western Pacific Railroads. Their duties include linemen, air-conditioning, diesel electric, shop men, and other electrical work.

We have a Brother in our local of whom we are justly proud. He has been an active member of the I.B.E.W. for 45 years and is our oldest member, namely Brother Trimble Hodgen. He worked years ago out of Local 523 at North Yakima, and gave me a picture of a float in the Labor Day parade of 1910, which was in the Electrical Workers Journal at that time, and he has asked me to send same on to you now. The story enclosed with the picture at that time related the strike situation they were enduring then, and it is encouraging and satisfying to see how much we have gained since then, which proves the benefits of honest Brotherhood. (Editor's Note: Sorry Brother, only glossy print photos will reproduce in our JOURNAL but we have placed the clipping in L. U. 360's folder in our Archives Collection. Many thanks!)

Brother James DeRossette, of our local has arranged an apprentice training class with a local trade school, and we sincerely hope it will be successful. The apprentices of Local 360 are grateful for this opportunity.

W. J. GOULD, P. S.

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Tribute Paid To Local 369

L. U. 369, LOUISVILLE, KY.—Kosair Crippled Children's Hospital recently dedicated a new building on the grounds to Electrical Workers Local 369.

About 125 members of the A.F.L. union worked all day, installing the lights, wiring and other electrical equipment needed for the hospital's

annual fund-raising picnic, held in July.

The union has donated the electrical work for the picnic every year for the past 10 years. It was in appreciation of these labors that the hospital named its new building the Electrical Workers Building.

The small, concrete-block structure was erected to house electrical controls and switches and the equipment that is needed from year to year.

Bruce Hoblitzell, hospital board chairman, laid a cornerstone in the building bearing an inscription honoring the union.

"The donation of the Electrical Workers is a tremendous one," Hoblitzell said.

FRED MUELLER, P. S.

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'Good Faith' a One-sided Deal?

L. U. 375, ALLENTOWN, PA.—Your scribe considers it due time for another report from Local 375.

Since my last article, we have had a slight increase in wages, so now our scale is \$2.85 for journeymen. After all the red tape and snarls which we must go through every time we negotiate, we didn't get what we expected anyhow. And on top of that, it went into effect three months late. I am rather disillusioned at the action of our contractors. They continuously make requests for harmony and good faith, but that is only maintained if we give in to their wishes. Steadily and surely, the management side of the picture is encroaching on the rights which we have fought so hard to achieve. We must always be on the alert for a new angle of at-

tack. Our rank and file is wondering more and more, who is the greater benefactor of the N.E.C.A. labor-management set-up. As late as this month, the contractor wishes a voice as to whom we shall admit into our organization via the apprenticeship route. Yes, they ask us to cooperate but what do we get in return? A banana. The last month saw one of our contractors, who even served on this joint committee, turn against us and now is no longer in good standing with our union.

For the brighter side of the picture, I am happy to report that all of our men are at work and we have a few visitors also. Prospects look good with lots of new work coming up here and in adjacent localities.

Your writer wishes to apologize for the delay in submitting an article. Things piled up on me so fast that I had to dig my way out. Most of you know I have been going to night school at Penn State Technical Institute for the last five years. I need only three more units for a Technical diploma in Electrical Engineering. Last year, in conjunction with this, I taught our electrical apprenticeship class, two nights per week. Still not over-worked, I did the brazen thing of starting to build a new home in the spring. As if that wasn't enough, my wife went to the hospital for an operation. Thank God she is out and well at this time. Besides this, although Bill Deitz won't agree, I worked my eight hours every day. And yet, despite it all, I haven't missed a single union meeting or committee meeting of which I am a member.

I am not with Foley Company anymore. I am now with Koppers Company which is installing a new coke oven for Bethlehem Steel. It isn't up to speed yet, but at its peak we're going to need about 30 electricians for about six months. It looks as if this will be a nice job. It is close to the other coke ovens, but it is entirely new construction and isn't too bad.

Brother Andrew Kubick has just returned from Pendle Hill, where he was delegated to attend the Conference of Eastern Pennsylvania Central Labor Unions.

Harry B. Parks, continuing in doing a splendid job as business agent, is looking for harmony and cooperation from the rank and file and also amongst the related building crafts. Have you read his latest article in the *Lehigh Valley Labor Herald*?

Our Labor-Management Committee, Alex Kalady, Charles Witmer and John Grim, have reported the change of one of our holidays. Washington's Birthday has been changed to Good Friday. All members please take note of this change.

Your writer would like to submit some pictures in conjunction with his articles, so if any of you good

Brothers have any snapshots of work or installations you are taking part in, I would be more than happy to send them in to the JOURNAL. I am sure the editor would be glad to have them also. So how about adding a camera to your tool kit. If yours is a productive gang, maybe the contractor would furnish the camera.

To the members who were pleased with our last banquet, I'd like to say that the time is ripe for another affair. For our old-timers, their longevity has increased. We all wish to show our gratitude to them. Also, we have had about 12 apprentices graduate since the last banquet. If you Brothers wish to commemorate these events, it's up to you to be heard at our next meeting.

Re seeing you.

ANTHONY C. SODL, P. S.

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Monument to Edison Trip in Cheyenne

L. U. 415, CHEYENNE, WYO.—Sometime back in 1878 to be exact, Thomas A. Edison made this state a visit. He was a member of the Draper expedition sent into this clear, dry atmosphere to observe a solar eclipse. The entertainment committee, perhaps the Chamber of Commerce or some such organization took him and his party on a fishing and camping trip. The committee is to be commended on selecting such a beautiful spot for relaxation.

The above photographs are of the historical monument, marking the location of this camping spot. The pictures were taken on the 25th of July 1952. The altitude is above 9,500 feet, in a beautiful, picturesque primitive area.

The fishing must have been good then, and is now. The party didn't catch all of the fish because I suc-



An historic marker erected at Battle Lake, Wyoming in memory of Thomas A. Edison.

ceeded in catching a nice mess of native cut throat trout, without too much effort.

The historical marker is situated in the south end of the Medicine Bow National Forest just on the west side of the Continental Divide. The location of this monument is called Battle Lake and the stream that originates from this small, beautiful lake flows toward the Pacific Ocean.

R. R. WELCH, P. S.

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Club Project Worth Support of Local 441

L. U. 441, SANTA ANA, CALIF.—We in Local 441 are very proud of the Orange County Electric Club. It consists of that unusual quality of ingredients which when combined makes for a better understanding and a happier living for all of us.

In our club we have the combination of the electricians, the contractors, the inspectors, the power companies, the manufacturers and the distributors.

Meetings are held the last Friday of each month. There are approximately 200 persons on our membership roll. We would like to have a lot more.

Each month the club meets at a different location. The first hour is the "Fellowship Hour." The second hour we dine. And the third hour we hold our business meeting. Incidentally, there is no initiation fee nor dues. Therefore each member is expected to pick up his own dinner check.

During the business meeting we usually have a speaker who gives us an interesting and informative talk about the trade. He may be an engineer from some large manufacturing concern, or one of our local inspectors. He may be a representative from some other branch of the trade with a new slant about new things.

Our devotion to the Electric Club is our devotion to you. Our aim at all times is to promote, improve, and better the standards and quality of all things pertaining to the electrical trade, locally and nationally. We believe in the I.B.E.W. and the things for which it stands. We pledge ourselves to pass on to our Brothers all knowledge which will enlighten them and improve their skill and methods. We hope in the near future to have a complete and up-to-date set of trade books available for our club members. Other benefits are in the making.

Each year we hold our ladies night dinner-dance get-together. At this meeting we suspend all the usual formalities and let the wives or girl friends take over. Last month we held our fifth annual ladies night affair at the Lakewood Country Club.

Everyone had a wonderful time. Dance music was supplied by our own Ed Thomas, Jr.

Many member contractors and manufacturers generously donated to the stack of presents which were given away as door prizes.

Ed Thomas, Jr., is participating in our apprenticeship program. Ed was formerly a member of Henry Bussy's orchestra. Good luck Ed... and thanks for your fine music.

W. A. "FERGIE" FERGUSON.

Well fellows, there you have it. Brother Ferguson's own story of the Electric Club. How about it? Doesn't this read like something worth supporting? Let us all get behind Fergie and put the club over in a big way.

Besides serving as president of the O.C.E.C., Fergie also teaches night school, serves on three of four committees, pinch hits for absentee officers, and occasionally finds time to do a few other little odds and ends for I.B.E.W. members. Now he is working on a plan to get these Electric Clubs started all over the nation!

Brother W. A. Ferguson wants this word passed on. If any of our sister locals are interested in these clubs, please write to him in care of Local 441. You will receive prompt information and answers to your queries.

DICK KLAUSE, P. S.

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Stabilization Board Okays Mobile Contract

L. U. 505, MOBILE, ALA.—Well, folks I guess that the first thing that is generally reported on is the good news. I have some good news and will let you have it first.

The boys on the negotiating committee for us and the contractors who are fair with us, got together some couple of months ago and came to an agreement on our request for an increase in our wage set-up. This increase was jointly presented to the board and last week we were notified by the Wage Stabilization Board that the agreement reached by these committees was okay with them. So it went into effect August 18th. This agreement calls for a 15-cent hourly increase which brings our wage scale up to \$2.75 per hour. The apprentice scale which is worked on the percentage basis will go up accordingly.

Brothers Shannon and Dierlein who attended the Fifth District Progress Meeting in Tampa, Florida last month brought back to us a tape-recording of Brother Tracy's speech which was very well received by those present at that meeting.

And speaking of meetings, I do not know what has happened to old Local 505, but the boys have really been turning out for the meetings

the last few months. Our hall has been full to capacity with some standing—all of which is very good to see. Makes our meeting something to talk about. So Brothers please keep up the good attendance.

Mobile's two new modern million dollar hospitals have been completed and are open to the public.

Radio Station WKRK has received from the Federal Communications Commission a permit to build themselves a television station, which just now is in the blue-print stage, but will be out for consideration and bids in the very near future. Three other local stations have permits in but there seems to be some difficulty as to channels. But this matter is in position to be ironed out in a few weeks. Then permits will be issued and construction on these stations will get under way as soon as possible.

The Matherson Chemical plant at McIntosh, Alabama, 45 miles north of Mobile has gone into production.

The grain elevator at the Alabama State Docks completed some months ago is doing such business that they are considering at this time addi-

tional elevators to handle the increase in business.

The rayon plant being built at LeMoyne, Alabama just 19 miles to the north of Mobile is under way and they expect to complete one unit by the first of October.

The Aluminum Ore job at the State Docks is also an expansion program that will take some months yet to complete.

Brother Bill Lucas superintendent on the rayon plant saw fit a couple of weeks ago to take upon himself a wife. And the boys on his job extended to him as a wedding present a Cool-a-Matic window unit air-conditioner. Well, "Bill" here is good luck and the best of everything to you and your bride. And I along with all the boys on your job hope that all your troubles will be little ones.

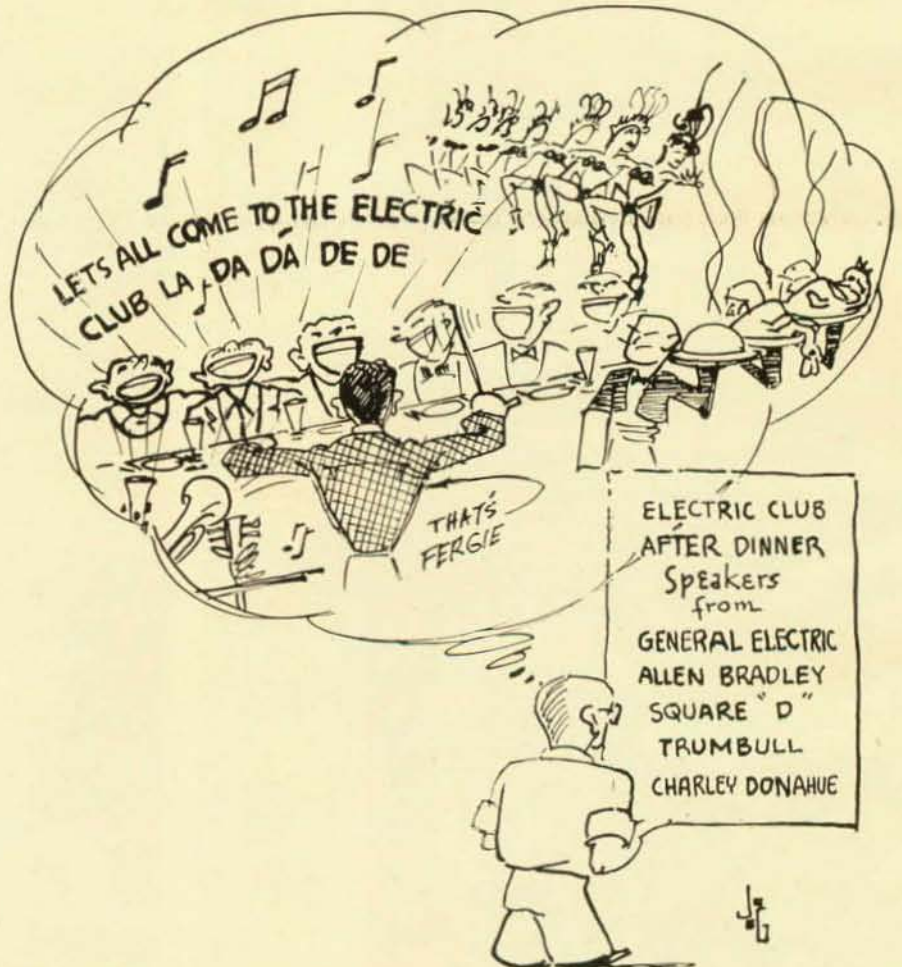
PERCY E. JOHNSON, P. S.

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"Saw Mill Gravy" Gives Way to Pork Chops Now

L. U. 558, SHEFFIELD, ALA.—Greetings Brothers. Your scribe will

Enjoyable Project of Local 441



Some very pleasant evenings are passed by the members of the Orange County Electric Club of Local 441, Santa Ana, Calif., as this cartoon suggests.

The Electrical Workers'

try again to get another letter in the JOURNAL. I have been out of town, lost contact, and just swung back on the grape vine.

Just a bit of interesting news to the boys afar off, our scale here for journeyman is \$2.62½ per hour, and for this rate should go a lot of credit to Brother Robert Broadfoot, our business agent, also through his efforts our apprentices were granted a boost as follows:

Old Apprentice Rate

1st 6 months	\$.70 per hr.
2nd 6 months	\$.80 per hr.
Second year	\$.90 per hr.
Third year	\$1.25 per hr.
Fourth year	90 percent

Journeyman's rate

New Apprentice Rate

6 mos. probation period	\$1.00 per hr.
1st 6 months	\$1.25 per hr.
2nd 6 months	\$1.40 per hr.
Second year	\$1.60 per hr.
Third year	\$1.80 per hr.
Fourth year	\$2.25 per hr.

Brothers, everything down here is moving along nicely. Most all our men are working at home, a few are still in Paducah, Kentucky and other places. The job at Decatur is coming along nicely. The Southern Construction has a few men, also Colbert Steam Plant. TVA has a few, but due to the steel strike, it will be quite a while before they will need any.

All members of L.U. 558 wish to congratulate Mr. Warren McMahan, a civil, mechanical and electrical engineer, for promotion to project manager on the Colbert Steam Plant, destined to be the largest of its kind in the world. We feel with his ability to supervise and lead that his relations with labor will be swell. We are also looking forward to more work in Huntsville.

Labor Day is just around the corner; by the time this letter reaches our readers, it will have passed. I hope we can exercise our desires and impress on our enemies, "United We Stand, Divided We Fall."

Brothers and fellows, November 4 will come quickly. The present Administration has made a mistake. Let's ask and ponder the question, what have the positive and negative parties to offer? Who has been a friend to labor? Let's all pay our taxes and vote.

Compare the electrician today, 1952 and back 20 years ago, 1932. Today, we have cigars, automobiles, good homes, good clothes and pork chops. In '32, uncomfortable homes, a few rags, horse and wagon, saw mill gravy and ole north state. Brothers, with pork chops (united we stand) saw mill gravy (we fall).

We all make mistakes, the fellow that doesn't, doesn't do anything. We

are taught to forgive, so let's forgive and use our mistakes as stepping stones to perfection.

I wish to clarify myself on the July issue from our local. I have been criticized quite a bit even though there is a lot of truth in relations and is being urged by our local, I had nothing to do, or know not the party that wrote the first half of the article and personally I don't appreciate it. Your scribe is dull, blunt and ugly, but it's not my intention to be used as a tool. So Brothers, I solicit your help, if you have news of interest or a report, kindly mail it to me or leave it with the Secretary. Thank you.

And now Brothers, food for thought:

Within the heart man thinketh, the tongue delivers the thought, from the mouth proceed cursing and all manner of guile. Doth a fountain give both sweet and bitter water? To fear the Lord will prolong our days, but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

GRANVILLE O. ALLEN, P. S.



Brother S. MacFarlane of Local 568, Montreal, Que., Can.

Urges Organization, Education in Quebec

L. U. 568, MONTREAL, QUE.—Once again, the excellent spirit of unionism has proven itself, through the "never give up" attitude of our business manager, Brother W. Chartier, who succeeded in signing over another contractor, A. D. Ross and Co., with this local union. After many setbacks and lengthy discussions, this employer has finally realized the many advantages of employing I.B.E.W. personnel.

I've said it before and I'll say it again—organization and education are the answers to our labor movement in this province of Quebec. Without one the other is not worth very much.

I take off my hat to our International Representative, Brother H. Roy, for this district. He has done a lot so far, but the amount of work, confronting him in order to achieve success in the field of organizing, is almost beyond the realm of imagination.

To educate our own members in union affairs is in itself quite a task, but we mustn't forget that the employer needs it too in a different way. The belligerent attitude of management towards labor and vice versa must disappear in order to be successful. We must show the employer that we are not out to get his last penny for the least possible effort on the job, but rather we must make him see and realize that a collective labor agreement is not strictly a business understanding but a sort of partnership between labor and management.

This local union is growing all the time. You must all be aware of that by the amount of business in the office especially on Saturday morning if you happen to drop in then, but the fact remains that to keep it growing we must organize every man in our jurisdiction. When such men are not organized we are in effect extending an invitation to other crafts or union bodies to move in on our jurisdiction by organizing them.

As a result of Brother E. Bastien's picture being published in our July edition of the JOURNAL, this same Brother informs me that he got many letters and heard from old buddies in the trade. Many of them had already forgotten about him, but to those who recognized his face from the picture let me tell you that Brother Bastien is still very active and as he personally puts it "Just rarin' to go!"

As a follow up to this bit of reminiscing for our old timers; no doubt many of you will recognize Brother S. MacFarlane, whose picture I am enclosing.

Brother MacFarlane is our local treasurer. He was initiated in L. U. 707 Holyoke, Massachusetts in 1925. Three years later he came to Montreal and has been with us ever since. He served on the Executive Board. He also held the office of English recording secretary for many years. Last year he was elected to serve on the Negotiating Committee. Brother MacFarlane was employed for many years by Canadian Comstock here in Montreal, and although he no longer works at the trade on account of leg paralysis, he is still kept very busy looking after our local funds as treasurer. Brother "Mac" has 27 year's standing in the I.B.E.W. and we hope he will be with us for many more years to come. He is one of our most popular Brothers in this local and our favorite old-timer for this month.

Our annual dance sponsored by our Social and Welfare Committee will take place this year in the last week of October or around that time. We wish to remind all the Brothers of this local and any member of the I.B.E.W. that they are all invited to attend our social affair of the year. The money you may invest in this event is all going in the Welfare Fund.

Before closing I wish to remind all our Brothers in this local to be as brief as possible on the telephone when calling the office. Our business manager and the office secretary are always very busy. Brother W. Chartier no doubt does not want to offend anyone, but some of our Brothers insist on "chewing the rag" over the phone and cause unnecessary delays in the office routine which sometimes is very annoying to those in the office at the time, who are left waiting at the wicket. So Brothers, state your business and be brief as possible in doing it. By doing so you will save a lot of valuable time both to your business manager and to yourself someday when you may be left stranded, waiting in line to be served.

LOUIS G. THERIAULT, P. S.

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El Paso Local Buys Church for Headquarters

L. U. 583, EL PASO, TEX.—Well, it's time again for a word or so from L. U. 583, so here goes.

Since my last report we've had quite a change in our plans. Instead of moving into a renovated house as first planned, believe it or not, on the first of May we moved into a completely new environment, a church. Our capable planning committee, when they got the estimates on what it would cost to renovate our house, decided to look around for something that wouldn't cost any more and yet would be even more qualified for our local. A church which was for sale in a very fine location, completely away from the business districts but conveniently located, attracted their attention as being very worthwhile. So with the consent of the local they sold the house and applied that money on the church, resulting in what we all consider a fine deal.

Our new building is a fine-looking building, roomy, air-conditioned and has fine acoustics. It has plenty of room for meetings of the membership and has the added advantage of having enough extra space for at least four rental offices. These, we feel, when they are completed, will be a source of revenue. Our president, D. T. Young, and some of the other boys with a knack for using the tools are doing a great deal of

the necessary renovating, thus saving the local considerable money.

Another project, which we consider a worthy charity, is that some 583 volunteers are doing the lighting work for the Optimist's new ball park, which means the new playfield for about 300 kiddies a week. The lighting is from the ground up and a couple of the poles are 80 footers. Yours truly has had a lot of fun with his movie camera recording how good union men are only too glad to pitch in and help a worthy cause.

According to our Business Agent, Joe Roberts, work is good at present but not to the extent of needing outside help. The Standard Oil job is going along according to schedule. Nothing is definite about the Texaco Company job. We understand, however, that a contract has been let for it. The rest of the work is housing and regular seasonal work.

Now to the ladies, bless their hearts. Our Ladies Auxiliary is really a going organization. When these gals want to do something, they do it. Just a few of their worthy projects are: getting new members, dress-making projects which netted 30 lovely dresses for an orphanage hereabouts; and a rummage sale. They also visit sick wives of the members of our local, sincerely offering assistance, as well as being cheerful blood donors. Their backing of union labels and influencing increased attendance at our meetings is appreciated.

Well, I guess this is all, except for one important thought, fellows. Don't forget that we good union men are in politics, too. Let's get out and VOTE, when the time comes; it's our bread and butter.

REGINALD C. GROTHE, P. S.

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Now Is Time to Put Your Shoulder to Wheel

L. U. 595, OAKLAND, CALIF.—We wish something could be done about



Brother Alfred S. Silva of Local 617, San Mateo, Calif., died recently of a heart attack at 54 years of age.

these builders who cut the streets up and leave the ditches six inches or more deep for months at a time, to knock your wheels out of alignment. At least in San Leandro.—Well, we shouldn't start this off with complaints any way.

At present we find business and working conditions good and all our Brothers working, for which we are thankful. Our Business Manager Rockwell, and the other two members of our Negotiating Committee, Brothers Jack Johnson and Fred Hammer, are back east to present our briefs to the Council. We hope there will be more satisfaction in their decision this time than there was in the last one.

In the August issue of our JOURNAL, in the editorials by J. Scott Milne, we find a very interesting little article entitled "The Bumblebee Can't Fly." Many individuals can take a few lessons from the bumblebee in this regard and instead of pampering, giving in or making excuses for ourselves, get our shoulder to the wheel using a little more determination and will power in the tasks set before us. Then after having accomplished this very difficult task which we would have liked to have cast aside letting the weaker side of our natures predominate, we may very well understand the story, that we read in our second and third grade readers, of how the little pony engine felt, as it pulled the loaded train over the mountain top with its load, saying "I thought I could, I thought I could" etc. Yes, these are primary teachings published for our children who are just starting to learn, but many grown-ups can profit and learn much good from them. May we have many more articles such as this in our JOURNAL. Our JOURNAL, by the way, which is bigger and better than ever, should be worthy of mention at this time with its varied articles, comments and reports. The "Science Shorts" column was amusing as well as interesting and the "Report on the I.B.E.W. Pension Benefit Trust Fund" must have held a lot of interest for all members.

Our annual picnic was again held at Mission San Jose and although your scribe did not attend, I am sure a good time was had by all.

Until next month, Brothers, "Good thoughts, good words and good deeds."

WILLIAM "Bill" O. HURTADO, P. S.

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Albuquerque Member In Fatal Accident

L. U. 611, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—Attending the apprentice graduation

The Electrical Workers'

Local 640 at St. Joseph's Hospital Project



Standing before the front entrance of what will be the largest hospital in Arizona, St. Joseph's, is the project's electrical crew, members of Local 640, Phoenix Arizona: left to right, front row—G. E. Root; G. M. Kalaf, general foreman; W. M. Kalaf; W. Watkins; E. Smith, and P. Parker; back row: H. S. Smith; B. Broeder, foreman; J. D. Stark; W. Wanless; J. G. Sandoval; T. C. Brice; L. M. Kalaf; M. Rohan; W. Mance; A. Seville, and O. B. Luckie, inspector. This is a six and one-half million dollar project.

at the union hall last week, I could not help but look over at the charter and see it draped with two cards—now it is three.

Our late Brother Frank G. Frazier, returning after visiting his former home in Buffalo, New York, met with a fatal accident at Afton, Oklahoma, July 12, 1952. Brother Frank was initiated July 10, 1910, and was to have been presented with a 40-year pin July 15, 1952. Up to the time of his passing he was active in union affairs, formerly as vice chairman, and more recently as chairman of Unit 3. Frank intended to retire this fall. He was employed by the Zia Company of Los Alamos since 1946, and was an inspiration to all who knew him. A war veteran, he served as chief electrician's mate on the battleship *Iowa* in the First World War. May his soul rest in peace!

This local was again saddened by the passing on August 4th, of our late Brother Hoskie Benally, lineman of the Basin Light and Power Company of Farmington, New Mexico. He lost his life while at work, coming into contact with 2300 volts.

And for the third time in 34 days, we were visited with sorrow over the passing of our late Brother Chester K. Brown, on August 16th, an employe of the Public Service

Company at Bernalillo, New Mexico, from natural causes.

May the assurance that not even a swallow falls to the ground but that our Lord knows, be a comfort to the loved ones of the three late Brothers.

On August 15th the graduation, ceremonies for 13 apprentices were held in our hall in Albuquerque, climaxing four years on-the-job and related training designed to produce well-qualified journeymen. Brother Cliff Clark, a member of the Joint Apprentice Board and assistant business agent presided over the ceremonies. The main speaker of the evening was Roy Gross, acting regional director of the Bureau of Apprenticeship, Business Manager Zemke also made a talk, as did Mr. Tom Mannon, training supervisor for the Zia Company, and the representatives of the State Department of Labor, State Employment Service, Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship and the contractors.

Graduating from apprentice status to the rank of journeyman is an important incident in the lives of these men. This importance was particularly reflected in the pride shown by attending wives and parents. Also present were some of the officers of L.U. 611. In attendance from the Zia Company were Tom Mannon, training supervisor, William Nelis, shop steward and your scribe.

Upon completion of ceremonies, refreshments were served to the graduates and guests.

W. L. STROHECKER, P. S.

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30-Year Veteran Dies in San Mateo

L. U. 617, SAN MATEO, CALIF.—Deep compassion has been experienced by the membership of Local Union 617 over the loss of one of its outstanding members in the passing away of Brother Al Silva.

Brother Alfred S. Silva, who was prominently known in union circles in San Mateo and San Francisco Counties, died of a heart attack on July 10, 1952 at 4:00 p.m.

Brother Silva, 54 years of age, was returning to the company office after a day's work for Biber Electric Company of San Carlos. Traveling south on the Bay Shore Highway he suddenly slumped over the steering wheel. The truck veered off to the right and came to a stop against a pile of pipes where some construction work was going on at the time.

Rushed to a hospital, Brother Silva was dead on arrival, physicians said.

Once a lineman for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Brother Silva changed over in the early 1920's to construction work and be-

came very active in the affairs of Local 617.

During World War II he was president of Local 617 and had held many other offices, retiring last year from a long period on the Union Executive Board. He was recently named chairman of the union's Bylaws Committee, which did an outstanding job in revising the bylaws and working rules.

Brother Silva was an associate member of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors, and had also served on the San Mateo Grand Jury. He also served as a delegate at one time to the San Mateo Building and Construction Trades Council and Central Labor Council. At the time of his death, he was very active in the affairs of the Apprenticeship Training Committee as a part of the joint committee.

During the period when Local 617 was amalgamated with Local 6 of San Francisco, Brother Silva served on the general Executive Board of that local as the San Mateo County representative.

A fitting tribute was paid to Brother Silva by the large gathering at the funeral of prominent persons connected with the building and electrical construction industry, among whom were: William Klose, president of the Peninsula Electrical Contractors Association; Emil Weber, president of the San Francisco Electrical Contractors Association; William Varley, executive secretary of both Electrical Contractors Association; Charles Foehn, Executive Council member of the I.B.E.W., as well as officers and members of Local 617.

Brother Silva's survivors include his wife, two married daughters and a son, Alfred, now serving in the Armed Forces, but who was brought by his father into Local 617 as an apprentice before joining the service.

W. H. DIEDERICKSON, B. M.

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City Taxes Add To High Prices

L. U. 640, PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Phoenix has growing pains!

This city is growing fast both in population and area which has caused the city dads to put a city sales tax on everything we have to buy to put in the old feed bag. They little know or care how hard it is to meet the high prices. Many of the merchants from nearby towns profit financially by this because many of us make purchases of them.

Here in Phoenix too, labor has to face bitter opposition by well-financed anti-labor forces. These greedy vultures now have Los Braceros or the Mexican wetbacks whom they can make still more profit on and drive harder, as they are satisfied with so

little—a few beans—their bare toes out through their huaraches. But it's nice to know we have the Right-To-Work Law here. It was put over on labor after World War II by the farmer for the vets as a heritage that nothing was too good for him, and that is just what they meant—*NOTHING!* Now, they have a flourishing style of parchment called by that beautiful name, Fair Labor Practices Act, sponsored by the druggists and associates. It will soon come up for a vote, and if it passes, we won't have to walk a picket line because there will not be one under this wonderful help and guidance of our so-called friends of labor.

I do hope that we can get our men to the polls and give this bill a landslide crack.

Our rate of pay is \$2.59 per hour with time and one half for overtime which is always cut to a minimum. We have a few fair-sized jobs going on, mostly done by the New State Electric Company, Penney's Store and parking building, and the Park Central Medical Center which will have offices to accommodate approximately 85 doctors, most of whom will be on the staff of the new St. Joseph's Hospital which is being built adjacent to its location on Thomas Road and Third Avenue.

St. Joseph's Hospital is being built and operated by Sisters of Mercy, Catholic Order, dedicated to the care of the sick and injured. This will be the largest hospital in the state. Approximate cost of building and equipment, \$6,500,000.00. Approximately 275,000 square feet in area with capacity of 325 beds, 17 operating and delivery rooms completely and modernly equipped. Building is of reinforced concrete construction with marble, granite and cast stone facings at main entrance, and consists of four wings with five main floors and full basement with elevator and air conditioning penthouse extending upward an additional three stories. Building will house large, modernly equipped laundry, bakery and kitchen, either of which would be capable of supplying the needs of a fair sized town. There will be five elevators installed, with provision for one more; 480 tons capacity in refrigerated air conditioning and 600 H.P. in boilers will take care of cooling and heating and steam required for sterilizing and cooking equipment.

All city water for domestic use and the laundry will be softened and refrigerated drinking water piped throughout building. Two 16 inch diameter deep wells with a 200 H.P. pump on each will supply industrial water. This well water, which comes out of the ground at a practically uniform temperature of 74 degrees the year around, will first be circu-

lated through coils in the fresh air intake to the various air-conditioning systems. The water coils, having a constant temperature, will pre-cool in summer and pre-heat in winter, raising or lowering the ambient temperature of the outside air 10 or 12 degrees prior to final heating or cooling to maintain desired conditions as selected by some 500 zone thermostats and humidistats located throughout the building. After using the water from the wells for pre-heating and cooling, it then goes through the condensers for the air-conditioning compressors after which it is piped throughout the building for flushing water closets and fire protection lines. Finally, as water is too precious to waste here, any remaining water will be used for lawns and shrubbery. Conditioned air is supplied through 26 separate double duct systems and exhausted by 48 exhaust systems. Motors, ranging in size from $\frac{1}{4}$ to 15 H.P., total 185 H.P. for the blowers on the above systems and are all remotely controlled from the building engineer's office. Scattered throughout the building are remote temperature indicating points all terminating in selective indicating equipment in the engineer's office.

Primary power will be brought in at 7200 volts by the serving agency to an outdoor substation and stepped down to 480 volts and received by the hospital at this voltage through a 3000 amp. bus duct service to the main switchboard. 480 volts will be distributed from the main board through conduit and ventilated bus duct feeders to seven large power panels and three 333 K.V.A., 480/120 volt, single phase dry transformers for lighting and 208 volt power. The Y connected secondary from these transformers is tied through 3000 amp. bus duct to the main lighting switchboard which distributes 120-208 volt, 3 ph., 4 wire grounded neutral to 50 regular and emergency lighting panels and two emergency power panels. All wiring in surgical areas explosion proof with 2 wire, 120 volt, non-grounded system. Non-grounded systems supplied through eight special panels with ground detecting and indicating equipment. These panels fed from 208-120 volt, 1 ph., isolating transformers with the 208 volt primary fed from regular and emergency lighting panels. All critical and surgical areas, corridors and exits, double wired for emergency lighting. Emergency power for lighting and all essential power requirements, is supplied on commercial power failure through 600 amp. automatic transfer breaker, fed, on emergency side, from a 150 K.V.A., 120-208 volt, 3 ph., 4 wire, Diesel-driven standby plant with electronic control for automatic starting.

The complete electrical job will re-

quire an estimated 25 miles of conduit and 150 miles of wire of all sizes. Over 200 motors will be permanently installed with a total connected load of 1520 H.P. Latest type of audio and visual nurse call system is being installed with two-way conversation between nurse's stations and bedrooms and provision for wired music. Doctor's in and out register system with capacity of 200 names. General paging and P.A. system throughout building by zones. A number of separate intercommunication systems, including a special system to inform expectant fathers, anxiously pacing the floor in the Father's Room, of the arrival of an heir and offspring. Provision for 200 telephones through P.B.X. board. Extensive fire alarm system with indicating panel located in engineer's office.

Building was started in May 1951, and is scheduled for completion in April 1953, and is about 70 percent complete as of this date. The general contractor on the job is Del E. Webb Construction Company of Phoenix, to whose official photographer, Jerry McClain, we are indebted for the photograph accompanying this article.

The electrical contractor is Newbery Electric Corporation of Phoenix, who recently completed the wiring project on the new Veteran's Administration Hospital constructed here. The architects were Lescher and Mahoney, of this city whose electrical and mechanical inspector on the job, O. B. Luckie, is a member of Local 640.

H. S. SMITH, P. S.

Outstanding Party Held at Chester, Pa.

L. U. 654, CHESTER PA.—Local Union 654 held its annual picnic at Litwa Farm, Twin Oakes, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, August 16, 1952.

It was one of those days when if it wasn't raining it looked like it was going to; but in spite of the weather a large crowd turned out and we all had a good time.

The committee dished out plenty of refreshments, both wet and dry and of course gallons of ice cream and sodapop, which seemed to be the choice of the small fry.

The program consisted largely of games and contests which lasted all day with very nice prizes being awarded the winners.

Quite a rhubarb started when it was discovered that the anchor man on one of tug-of-war teams had his end of the rope tied to a tree—no names, but this boy wasn't taking any chances.

A hill billy band supplied the music for dancing, and believe me, Broth-

ers, some of our members can shake a mean hoof.

Many of our friends from other locals attended with their families and they were all such nice people we hope they will come back next year.

It's a real pleasure to attend these affairs and meet the wives and children of your fellow members. Only then do you begin to realize what a tremendous responsibility a local union has in running its affairs in a business-like manner, so that these people may enjoy a normal, happy, American way of life.

Now let me present those unseen heroes who spent so much of their time to make so many people happy—the picnic committee—believe me boys we do appreciate it and thank you for a swell job.

R. Gaiser	Harrison Frank
J. Armstrong	Howard Jackson
Joseph Baker	D. Mattote
F. Coppola	L. N. Wheeler
L. L. Wheeler	William Hinkle
J. Huddy	R. Daft
F. Otten	R. W. Stephens

GORDON S. ANDERSON, P. S.

News Shortage at Medford Reported

L. U. 659, MEDFORD, OREGON—Dear Brothers and Sisters, this press secretary would like to inquire of some of his more experienced fellow press secretaries just what one writes about when he has nothing to say.

Now I could write about dandelions or dogs, both of which can be seen in profusion on the lawn. However, I am not in the mood for eulogies on either.

Then, of course, there is always politics, but that would be like adding to "Anthony Adverse."

I could fall back on the delightful coolness of the air-conditioned Oregon coast. However, our Chamber of Commerce might sue me for plagiarism, so that's out.

Now 'tis plain to see, that in a vague sort of a way, I am confused, diffused and bemused; so may this letter be excused as there seems to be a blackout of news from L.U. 659.

Ah, at the mention of 659 an idea strikes (happy day)! So now in a mood of meeting out due punishment, and because this issue of the JOURNAL might come out some where near to Armistice Day, I hereby offer for condemnation a bit of so-called poetry that has laid dormant upon my desk since the close of the last acknowledged war.

"Here's to another war well won,
And all its' gory glory fields.
Here's to the victor and the just,
Here's to the coward and the brave,

To them who laugh and them who weep,
To them who languish in deep sleep.

"Yes, friend, here's to the men who wept,
And here's to men who fought it thru,
Here's to mothers, daughters and wives,
Whose sweethearts gave their precious lives
Upon some soon forgotten land,
That we may keep our way of life.

"And now, that all this mess is done,
Let's get to home ye soldiers fair,
And say, with cynic and with me,
"Come! Raise children for another war,
More sons to die, daughters to cry!
Come soldier, hurry! More, more, more!"

So there you are, and don't say that you have done nothing to deserve such punishment, for conversely such punishment comes upon thee because you have written nothing. Be ye hereby warned that unless it is deleted by the editor, I might get up enough nerve to send in a bit of whimsy such as this:

"Dear Sisters;

Some advise.

If you must drink, drink milk.

If you must kiss, kiss sisterly.

If you must dance, dance with your souls in your feet.

Be conscientious, thoughtful, modest, retiring.

Learn to cook, bake, sew, and keep house well.

Above all never seek your man—let the men seek you.

In short don't do as your parents did, do as they say and you will be a very wonderful maiden, lady, and then a maid."

Now if printed this be and read it you do, please remember that this letter is by force the meanderings of a press secretary's unoccupied mind.

P. S. from a P. S.

If you haven't already forgotten, let's not forget to vote!

L. J. WAY, P. S.

Carelessness Real Cause of Accidents

L. U. 664, NEW YORK, NEW YORK—As reported last month, the good ol' summertime brings an increase in accidents, accidents that could be avoided. Perhaps you may think it is due to the heat, summer fatigue or the preoccupation of that vacation coming up. Whatever of these that

you conjecture may be the cause you would be wrong on all counts.

The real cause of accidents is—**CARELESSNESS!**

According to a recently published statement in the *Shipworker*, New York Naval Shipyard's house organ, eight serious accidents to workers took place in July, all of which, upon investigation, could have been avoided.

Every year some 16,000 workers are killed in action on their job. Eighty-thousand workers are so severely injured annually, that they may never work again. The cost to workers and industry is \$4,500,000,000 annually! This is quite a price to pay for carelessness.

WORK SAFELY. USE YOUR HEAD. The life you save may be your own.

Being faced with the problem of building the new 60,000 ton super-carrier CVB60 and the modernization and remodeling of the carrier USS Ticonderoga, these facts are highly important and significant to all here in the New York "Can Do" Naval Shipyard if this country is to continue its defense program in the least number of man-hours and at a minimum cost.

What is a Registered Voter?

A registered voter is a citizen of the United States who has lived in his state for one year prior to registration, six months in the county of his legal residence, and 30 days in his local district.

It is reported that, of the more than 100,000,000 persons eligible to vote, only about 50,000,000 will take the advantage of this American privilege, based on former election reports. It is little wonder that interests detrimental to labor and to the majority of this country's workers, gain a place in Government. When but 50 per cent or less of these eligible citizenry register and vote, the majority of potential voters become the minority — the minority, the majority. Knowing this, the "big boys" in in-

dustry started the "hate" money flowing at the beginning of this year. This "hate" money coming from these "big boys" of industry is used to stifle you, the honest labor man, the farmer, the small business man and people in general. More than \$64,000 was spent by the National Economic Council during the first six months of this year for lobbying against the aforementioned group. The NEC among other things wants more restrictions on trade unions.

Get everyone with whom you are even remotely acquainted to vote. Look into your mirror and ask the man you see there, "Did you register? Are you going to the polls in November?" The answer you will get from him will be the answer to those who would see you, the union skilled worker, slave for your bread and butter. Like working safely, **VOTE SAFELY.** Use your head. **THINK.** Don't take a gamble when you pull that lever in the voting booth. It's not a handle to a slot machine. Think first. Choose wisely, then you'll hit the jack-pot.

Our Own I.O. Pension Plan

Is there a local union so dead to whom itself has not said, "This is my **SECURITY, FIRST, LAST AND FOR ALL TIME?**"

What better security could any I.B.E.W. local have than to invest in the pension plans of our great International Organization? Local 664 intends to convert some of its other investments into I.O. Pension loans as soon as suitable arrangements can be made. Watch for our number in Pension Jubilee Fund Bond Drive.

Press Secretaries Association

What better opportunity and help to labor could there be than **NOW** to organize that **PRESS SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION?**

Our esteemed editor, Brother J. Scott Milne, is an officer in the International Labor Press of America and has been cited by the press for his excellent work in the publication of

this *JOURNAL*. Your humble reporter feels that Brother Milne must be cognizant of the potential army of labor reporters to be found among the press secretaries of I.O. locals. None are better acquainted with the labor and political situations in their community. With proper instructions such as could be gained through the Press Secretaries Association, these Brothers could and would do a bang-up job for labor.

Let's hear from our "Boss" and from others on this subject. Some press secretaries have written your scribe favorably on this subject. Why not our esteemed editor and other press secretaries. Why don't presidents of ALL our affiliated locals appoint one if they have not as yet done so? We are interested in knowing the answer. Your letters and comments will be welcomed.

JOSEPH F. KRIKAWA, P. S.

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Notable Picnic Held For Richmond Members

L. U. 666, RICHMOND, VA.—About five thirty a.m. on Saturday, July 19th, (one of the hottest days in a very hot July) about 30 Brothers met at Red Water Lake to start the two black pots aboiling for Virginia Brunswick Stew. Some (those with Army experience) peeled potatoes, others were in tears over the onions. Fires were started for the Barbecue (Virginia style) which turned slowly on the spit all the morning. Other Brothers were busy roping off our private picnic grounds. A good breakfast was served and lots of good fellowship along with the sausage, eggs, bacon and hot coffee.

About noon the crowd began to arrive.

Brothers Wiley and Owens greeted the folks at the Main Entrance and saw that everyone received a numbered tag. These tags were of great interest when the lucky numbers were called throughout the day by Brother Joe Price. The merchants in Richmond donated many prizes and others were purchased by the committee headed by Brother J. A. Koch.

Almost any amusement you could name—swimming for some, horse-shoe pitching for some, gossip for the ladies, and a few unattached and unhenpecked husbands were seen wondering off into the woods for the usual game of chance, which was strictly stag.

Cold beer in barrels was in abundance all day. Lunch was served at two with plenty of soft drinks and ice cream for the kids.

This is an annual family affair looked forward to each year by about 800 people. Many contractors and city electrical inspectors attended.

Next year we hope to have a better, bigger picnic and would like to wel-

Many important decisions in our nation's history have been decided by *one vote*.

Remember: Nobody's vote is more important than yours!

VOTE NOVEMBER 4

Local 697's Taylor Forge Crew and Bowlers



A group of Local 697 men on the Taylor Forge Plant job in Gary, Ind. In front row are V. McCarty; R. Walton; M. Sweeney and L. Mecklenburg.

come Brothers from out of town who are in this section.

A. M. VERMILLERA, P. S.

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Urges All Members to Go to the Polls

L. U. 696, BELLAIRE, OHIO—Congratulations to sister Local 246 of Steubenville, Ohio. We are glad that you made the headlines and sincerely hope that you will help keep the river-front in the limelight. At one time we were a part of Local 246 and we really appreciate the fine cooperation given to us by your Business Manager Clyde Davis. Hats off to a swell Brother, who thinks, eats and sleeps "I.B.E.W."

Brother Harry Smith and I attended the Ohio State Conference meeting at the Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio. In addition to a fine meeting where the utility locals are firmly cementing their plans to have the utility employees take their rightful place in the spotlight of unionism, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to Brother Harry Williams and Local 212 for the fine hospitality shown to the delegates and their wives.

The leaders of the conference are urging the local unions to get out and vote, to vote for men that are friendly to labor. I believe that it is about time for all local I.B.E.W. unions to get out and urge their members to vote and this can be done with a little concentrated effort on the part of the leaders of local unions.

Let us be able to stand up with proud respect and honor to fight for labor and our locals in a manner befitting being called American.

JAMES DE BLASIS, P. S.

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Reform Urged in Nominating Procedure

L. U. 697, GARY AND HAMMOND, IND.—Well, the two conventions of



These members of Local 697, Gary and Hammond, Ind., won the bowling tournament of the Lake County Building Trades League, sponsored by the Northern States Electric Company. Left to right: Charles Yeager, highest Indiana game; W. Woolsey; Capt. George Kontol, highest Indiana average of league; Harry S. Frick; Ernest Yeager.

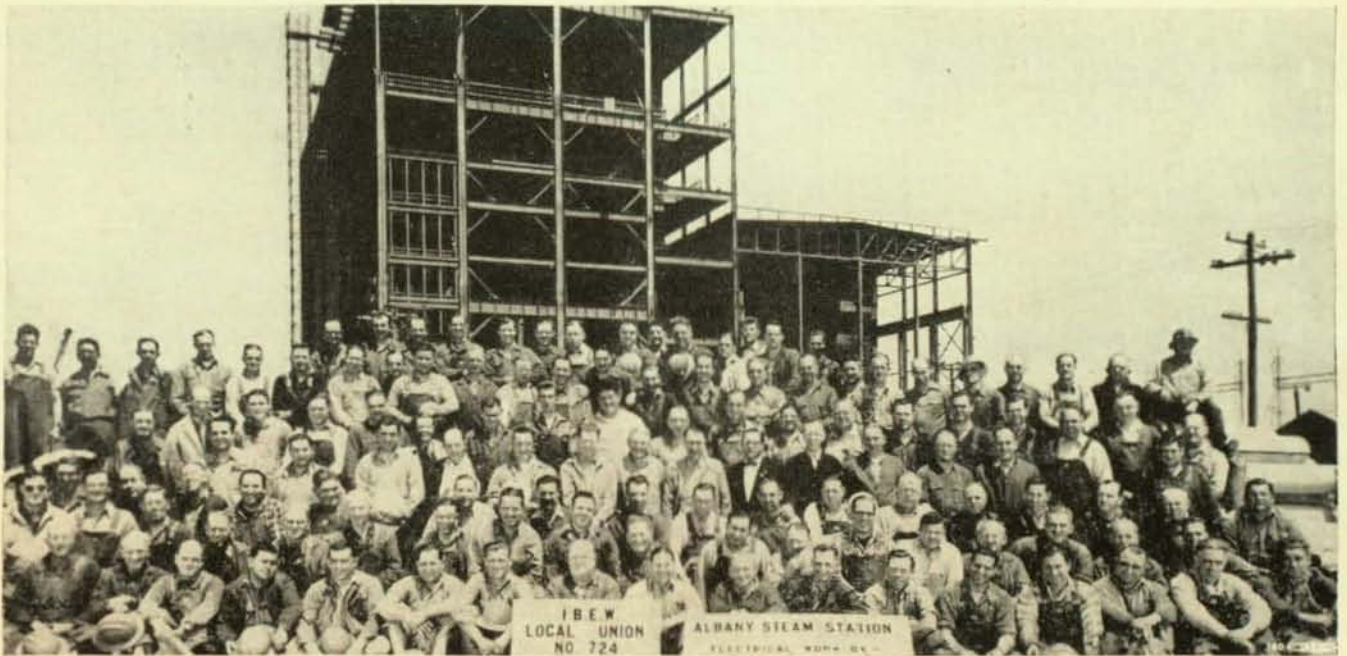
the Democrats and Republicans are over at last and we can heave a sigh of relief and once more enjoy our regular TV programs.

Does it not seem outrageous that the most important officials of our country must be nominated by a howling mob of imbeciles who do not seem to even know what they are there

for except to whoop and scream and wave signs and placards?

It seems to me that candidates for the office of President and Vice President of the United States should be nominated in an atmosphere of dignity and respect and not by a lot of half drunken delegates who are swapped back and forth by their leaders.

Albany Steam Station of Local 724



Left to right, front row: N. Patchin; J. Sanders; John Hanson; E. Rome; G. Singer; R. Van Amburgh; B. Ostrander; R. Haggerty; E. Stuart; D. Bartlett; F. Keppler; O. Krieg; F. Nasuto; A. Eckleman; G. Falzano; B. Thorne; E. Bess. Second row: A. Lamouree; E. LaFarr; Joe Hanson; E. Hodge; A. Prins; W. Earley; P. Starker; W. Peck; J. Greenfield; A. Millman; F. Savio; W. DeMosh; R. Comeau; A. Gnam; G. Kullman; E. Dunn; J. McDade; I. Osterhout. Third row: W. Flood; F. Cummings; J. Riley; D. Angerame; E. Crehan; G. Schiller; R. Duval; N. Maroney; A. Rysedorph; T. Hallenback; O. Sprague; H. McGrath; J. Glasbergen; P. Igoe; J. Porter; A. O'Neil; F. Rysedorph. Fourth row: J. Johnson; R. Ilacqua; E. Rourke; R. Corkrey; M. Ray; J. Soldevere; C. Hamill; P. Crawford; A. Wright; Joe Koreman, Bus. Agent; F. LeFevre; T. Sheridan; F. McCarty; J. Kennedy; J. McManus. Fifth row: J. Kelly; J. Barry; E. Gall; W. Stenson; J. Martin; Jim Cummings; C. Gallivan; S. Klienber; H. Bray; P. Ashton; F. Mirable; A. Hutchins; L. Liggett; W. Wood; R. Jenne; T. Mitchell; J. Ryan; P. McClausland. Sixth row: H. Ingram; W. Cadalso, M. Heeran; E. VanDeusen; John Cummings; R. Mattice; J. McEvoy; L. Cornell; J. Hamill; E. Dubray; G. Hanley; G. Herdman; A. Cohn; D. Ebner; B. Forsythe; W. Markiewicz; R. Iveson; P. Hanney; C. Susser; M. Greenburgh; H. Conrad; F. Schilling; P. Gallati. Seventh row: E. Ainslie; V. Gutkoskie; J. Rysedorph; H. Vrooman; F. Atwater; A. Schwartz; G. DeHond; F. Nally; M. Moran; G. Horning; J. Jewell; J. Whelan; W. Drislane; W. Forcier.

Of what avail is it for the American voter to go to the polls and vote for certain delegates who are supposed to nominate able men for our leaders when these same delegates are traded back and forth like a lot of horses or cattle?

I sincerely believe this system, so disgusting to the voter, should be changed and the direct primary system be instituted in our nation so that our voters can have a voice in determining who our candidates will be. The marvel of the present convention system is that we are lucky to get the good men that we do, as candidates, from the howling bedlam of these conventions.

I enclose herewith two photos, one of Sweeney Electric Company men and one of our Lake Company L. U. 697 champion bowling team of the Building Trades League of 1951-1952.

H. B. FELTWELL, P. S.

Service Pins Awarded At Omaha Meeting

L. U. 763, OMAHA, NEB.—On Friday

August 1, 1952, L. U. 763 held an informal meeting at the Omaha Musik Verein at which time members who were eligible received 25, 15, and 10 year honor pins.

Frank W. Jacobs, Vice President of the Eleventh District, who was scheduled to present the pins, was unable to make the meeting due to airplane difficulties.

Robert K. Garrity, International Representative, who presented the pins in Mr. Jacobs place, with the help of two other International Representatives, Della E. McIntyre and C. P. Hughes, made the evening an interesting one with some timely discussions.

The members of L. U. 763 enjoyed the affair so much that they decided to make it an annual event.

On August 13, Local 763 completed wage negotiations with the Omaha Public Power District.

Under the terms of the new agreement a 6.6 percent across-the-board general increase was gained bringing the linemen's scale up to \$2.29 per hour and the lowest paid utility worker up to \$1.42 per hour. Our contract also provides all of the best fringe

benefits to be found in any contract such as paid vacations, sick leave, double time holidays, and a reopener clause for a wage review in four months.

We are justifiably proud of our contract and the good relationship that exists between labor and management.

GUY E. MIDDAGH, JR., R. S.

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Work Opportunities At Peak in Kokomo

L. U. 873, KOKOMO, IND.—The Great Provider has really blessed L. U. 873 this past year and it still looks good for many months to come. Our biggest job, the Dana Corporation Plant at Marion, by Moorehead Electric Company is nearing completion—approximately 80 percent. This job has wonderful cooperation from the Dana management, the contractor, Marion Building Trades and L. U. 873.

Many outside locals' members have been giving us a hand and they are all nice boys and it's a pleasure working with them.

The Army Air Corps has reactivated the old Navy Bunker Hill Base and work is expected to start there immediately. The Mid-West Paper Company's new plant by Hatfield Electric Company has been completed in Marion.

A large sub-station of the Indiana Public Service Company by Hatfield Electric Company has been started at Kokomo. The new building of Anaconda Wire Company by Moorehead Electric Company in Marion is underway. The Essex Wire addition, the Kresge store and the Y.M.C.A. buildings by Moorehead Electric Company are under construction in Marion. The General Tire Company has purchased the Crosley Motors Corporation buildings in Marion and is planning to re-vamp for defense work. Contract has not been let at this date. Marion has 42 local unions in its industries and there is not a CIO local in the county.

The local has elected new officers with the exception of our business agent, Norm Borne. The old guard were all voted out but the old guard wishes the new officers every success in the world for a better local.

We of Local 873 are proud of our privilege to vote and exercise it 100 percent. Also the following record is presented.

Local 873 has grown from a handful of old timers to a membership of over 250 members, with jurisdiction over Grant, Howard, Tipton, Wabash and Clinton counties and special work in Miami county. Also the Kolux and H & K Sign Companies, two motor shops, line work in same counties and several maintenance jobs. It has run 36 years without a strike or stoppage of work and we think that is a pretty good record. We're Central Indiana's largest I.B.E.W. Local 873.

C. (JIGGS) BALES, P. S.

REA Employees Enjoy Right to Organize

L. U. 953, EAU CLAIRE, WIS.—In my opinion there has been a lot of wrong information circulated in regard to the R.E.A. program. Various people have lumped together R.E.A., Municipal Power utilities and State Power projects and called them Government controlled. I would like to clear up, if possible, some of the apparent misunderstanding in regard to R.E.A. Cooperatives. It is very important to distinguish between an R.E.A. Cooperative and a municipal or state operated utility system. Under the municipal and state-owned systems the employees have no legal right to organize into unions and bargain for conditions and wages, while the employees of the R.E.A. Cooperatives have the same legal

right to organize into unions for collective bargaining purposes as employees of privately owned public utilities.

This local union has signed contracts with 10 R.E.A. Cooperatives and three privately owned public utilities. Our experience in organizing and negotiating with the utilities and the R.E.A.'s convinces us that it is just as difficult to organize and negotiate with a utility as it is an R.E.A. Cooperative. At the present time in Wisconsin there are more utility employees not in the I.B.E.W. than R.E.A. employees not in the I.B.E.W., and this is not due to lack of effort on our part to organize the utility employees.

The R.E.A. Cooperatives borrow money from the Government to finance their systems and they are required to pay back the entire amount plus interest at approximately two and three quarters percent. The loaning of money to the various R. E. A. Cooperatives serves a purpose that aids the economy of the country to an extent not realized by the majority of non-farm people. The increased use of electricity on the farms has increased the productivity of the American farmer many fold and has been a very great element in the defense effort of this country. The government has a lending program to

lend money to private businesses and attention is not called to this program by business, but business certainly likes to point a finger at the money lent to R.E.A. Cooperatives and cry "government subsidy" and attempt to cast doubts on the usefulness or need of such loans. A look at the record will show that the R.E.A. Cooperatives are making their principal and interest payments back to the government and that their record for repayment is excellent. There is no question in anyone's mind as to the need of the farmer for electricity and we should also realize that the R.E.A. Cooperatives are here to stay and are being recognized as tax-paying business the same as any other private business, and actually R.E.A. Cooperatives are "private" businesses.

In view of the above facts we are of the opinion that the I.B.E.W. should concentrate its efforts for the purpose of organizing all of the Electrical Workers into the I.B.E.W. regardless of their employer's type of business organization. We have to realize that so long as any sizable segment of Electrical Workers remains outside the I.B.E.W. it is a hindrance to improve the hours, wages and working conditions of the present I.B.E.W. members.

In conclusion we believe that the I.B.E.W. should not project itself into any controversy that might arise between the R.E.A. and utility companies. Rather we should do our best to promote both types of businesses through efficient and qualified workmen who are members of the I.B.E.W.

SHORTY PRESTON, P. S.

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Novel Advertising For Plant Election

L. U. 1207, CANONSBURG, PENNA. During the recent campaign we waged to stop the raid of the IUE-CIO in the RCA Plant, we had one of the finest examples of unionism ever shown when one of our members, Marty Frye, who was facing an operation on her arm, put off going to the hospital for three days in order to stay in the fight and cast her vote on election day.

International Representative Steibing outfitted her in the above costume, a white dress stamped all over with "Vote I.B.E.W.," trimmed with hats which were blue and white, around the bottom and the waist. These hats were used during the campaign. The sling in which she had her injured arm had big "Vote I.B.E.W." buttons on it as did her white shoes.

A picture of Marty with International Representative Steibing is shown above. We won the election 543 to 238.

VIRGINIA HANN, P. S.



Marty Frye of Local 1207, Canonsburg, Pa., does her usual bit to promote her local in a recent election. With her is International Representative Steibing.

Officers of Local 1381, Mineola, N. Y.



The new officers of Local 1381, Mineola, N.Y., are, left to right, front row: Assistant Business Manager Robert Balduf; Vice President Wallace Pearsall; Business Manager Charles H. Tupper; President George Nichol, and Recording Secretary Elizabeth Rogall; back row: Executive Board Members Joseph McCloat, Vincent Marino, Fred Komoroski and Ernie Hepp. Not present were Will Crist and Walter Schenk.

Successful Crab Feast in Baltimore

L. U. 1383, BALTIMORE, MD.—Hello! Hello! And a wonderful greeting to each and every one of you Brother members, and co-workers, and scribes. When this report was submitted it was almost Labor Day eve, and as Labor Day is a holiday I'll make this report brief.

The yard at Curtis Bay, Maryland, is still humming as ever, and that is sweet music to our ears. The sound of the electric welders, riveters, burners, etc., really puts on a din when sounding off. The 40-footers are still coming off the assembly line on schedule.

At the regular meeting with Brother Burkhardt in the chair, the regular order of business was transacted. Everyone was looking forward to our crab feast which was held at Brother Fallon's Shore. Your scribe was unable to attend due to previous appointments. Everyone in attendance had a great time.

So long for now, and hope you have enjoyed the Labor Day holiday.

REUBEN SEARS, P. S.

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Local 1402 Picnic Held Fun for All

L. U. 1402, PITTSBURGH, PA.—Saturday 2nd was a gala day, chuck full of festivities and fun. It will long be remembered by Local 1402 members, family and friends. This particular Saturday was the date set

for our annual Steel City union picnic held at Ruprecht's Grove. The weather was clear and warm. The beverages were frosted and cold and the hot dogs and sauerkraut with the rest of the trimmings were deliciously prepared by the same girls who have worked so hard year after year and always seem to do a finer job (if possible) than the previous year. The kiddies were well taken care of with their prize bags, ice cream, pop, candy bars, peanuts, swings, races, games and real merry-go-round. The big Brothers and Sisters had their day filled with dancing, games and races, horseshoe pitching, card games and what have you. The winners of the gate prizes were as follows. The first prize of \$25.00, Sue Tatich, second prize \$15.00, Ed Cornelius, third prize \$10.00, Howard Smith.

The winner of the bean-guessing contest was none other than (Gewing Gum) Stofko of the Press Room Department. Sal was but a few beans from the actual count. Audrey, what in the world are you going to do with the gun and holster set, and Helen, with the ball and glove that you two won in the egg-tossing contest?

Our heartiest congratulations to John Clifford, chairman of the Picnic Committee who worked so diligently in making our picnic the success that it was. Also many thanks to the following who served on the committee. Ann Bookser, Ann Hilliard, Sue Tatich, Agnes Jugan, Betty Penderand, Lucille Lark, Howard Smith, Otto Schreiber, Dan Creedon, Ed Keller, Tom Milner, Lawrence Sittig and Buzz Schwartz.

BUZZ SCHWARTZ, P. S.

Sightless Korean Vet Is Rehabilitated

L. U. 1439, ST. LOUIS, MO.—I am sure that this first item is worthy of mention as it means so much. Brother Carl Spear, before the Korean conflict was a lineman in the Overhead Department. In performance of his duties in the armed service, he was deprived of his most precious of senses, sight. Since his return to civilian life he has had whatever rehabilitation the service had to offer. Then there was the problem of making a living for his dear wife and lovely child. Material aid and moral support by the Brothers and friends are appreciated beyond expression.

Through the wonderful cooperation of the company personnel director and Brother Carl Mitchell, business manager, they were able to place Brother Spear in the Reclamation Department of the Stores Department. It is most gratifying that Brother Spear's great courage and determination is working the job out to satisfaction. It may be good to follow up so others may benefit by honest cooperation.

At this writing we have not quite concluded our wage contract. However, some progress has been made, and whatever the ultimate is, will be retroactive to July 1, 1952. We have full confidence in our committee of: Carl Mitchell, business manager; Walter Curtis, president; Clarence Fahrenholtz, Tom Becherer, L. O. Myers, and Gene Roedder, that they will come up with a just agreement.

Our elected officers, some new, some old, have been duly installed for a term of two years.

Walter Curtis, president; Carl Mitchell, business manager; Kenneth Gerdes, treasurer; Raymond Sanders, vice president; Edwin K. Huchting, recording secretary.

Executive Board Members: Milton Bruns, T. O. Donaldson, Norton Downing, A. D. Ernst, Joseph Hatala, Ernest Hults, Robert T. Johnston, Edgar Maloney, Orval T. Moore, L. O. Myers, Tom Rauer, E. M. Roedder, Frank Rutkowski, Francis Spitznagel, and Edward J. Wolfe, Jr., secretary of Board.

Now if I could write even a word, line or paragraph that would induce just one Brother to attend meetings more regularly, to understand and cooperate with Labor's League for Political Education, and to ultimately vote according to his conscience, I could not find words to express my elation. Keep in mind our afflicted, ill and departed Brothers, and that strength comes through unity.

TOM RAUER, P. S.

Letter Honors Local 1514 Officer

L. U. 1514, HANSON, MASS.—I am enclosing a picture of our President John J. Riddell and his granddaughters Linda Nardi and Frances Riddell. He is a fine officer and shop mate and knows his job at the shop as well as when presiding at our meetings. He is also politically minded and if anybody doesn't know how to vote he would do well to talk it over with "Red" who can give good advice and reasons for his opinions. "Red" came to work at Wheeler's in 1917 when we were making shells for World War I. He married a local girl and has a daughter and six sons. Two sons served in the Navy during World War II and one in the Marines. One of them is still somewhere in the Pacific in the Naval Air Corps. Another son is training in the Naval Air Corps at Jacksonville, Florida. Two of his sons served in the Merchant Marine during the war.

Recently President Riddell was called to Boston to identify the body of his brother, a merchant seaman who had been missing in Copenhagen, Denmark, and was found murdered. We all extend our sympathy to him.

We are happy to notice that the work is coming in faster now and we are expecting that we will all soon be working again.

Ted Hammond, Stanley Bearse and Alfred Pina have been called for their physical exams in the draft. Mickey Alpert's son Guy is with the Marines en route to Korea, and Joe Demonico has gone for two weeks encampment with the Yankee Division of the National Guards.

Evaresto Ruel, Sr., is absent with an infected eye.

Our "Dream Book" in the ladies room is wearing out and we still have dreams. We used to sing a song "Someday when dreams come true", and we wonder if they ever do. We build our castles in the air, and though they always tumble down we

They All Enjoyed Local 1402's Outing



There was a day's fun for young and old at the recent picnic of Local 1402, Pittsburgh, Pa. Pausing in the activities, at left, are, left to right, seated: Pat Elm; Relda Weber, and Alice Elm; standing: Ed Voit; Norman Gerlach; Mrs. Gerlach, and Dick Schwartz. At right, a proud Grover Dixon presents his two grandchildren.



In the picture at the left, the first girl is unidentified. The others are Betty Van Gelder, Betty Pender and Gail Schillinger. At right, in the front, are Shorty Pagani, Audrey Pagani, Helen Spooner and Ben Rickert. Behind them is Al "Shorty" English. John Clifford was picnic chairman.

Personalities from Local 1505 Pose



Pausing in the negotiations with the Raytheon Manufacturing Company is a group of members of Local 1505, Waltham, Mass., at left. Left to right, front row: William J. Murphy; John J. Caruso; Mildred Petralia; Joseph L. Lally and Albert O. Nicolazzo; standing: Business Manager Henry J. Campbell; International Representative Francis X. Moore; Assistant Business Manager Andrew A. McGlinchey; President David J. Coady, Jr.; Past President Walter J. Brown; Gino E. Infascelli and Executive Board Chairman Frank W. Hunter. Not present were William R. Anderson, Anthony DeStasio and Charles A. Anastasia. At right is the new vice president of the 12,000-member local, John J. Casey. This is one of our most active locals.

Officers, Charter of New Local 1792



A new local is introduced to our Journal—Local 1792 of Williston, N. Dak. Its new officers, shown at left, are named in the local's letter. At right, International Representative Clement M. Rush presents the new charter to the local's president, Selmer Johnson.

build them again and again. We hitch our wagons to a star and the star fades. It seems so wasteful and yet, a lovely dream like a lovely thought is never wasted. Everybody may run in a race but there is only one who wins, but we are better for having run and maybe next time. . . .

Let's keep our dreams and trim our realities which are not always beautiful.

VERDA M. LANE, P. S.

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New Local 1792 Introduces Itself

L. U. 1792, WILLISTON, N. DAK.—Greetings. Guess it's high time I got this over with. Please enter in JOURNAL picture of the new officers for Local 1792.

These are the officers of the newly chartered Local 1792, Williston, North



President John J. Riddell of Local 1514, Hanson, Mass., poses with his two charming granddaughters, Linda Nardi and Frances Riddell.

Dakota, covering inside wiremen. Left to right: Selmer Johnson, president; Theodore Blaski, vice president; Nels Anderson, financial secretary; Norman Asleson, recording secretary; Lloyd Maze, treasurer. These officers are also Executive Board members.

Our other snapshot shows President Selmer Johnson receiving our charter presented by International Representative, Clement M. Rush.

Although this local is small in membership, it is expected to more than double itself in the next couple of months.

It really is surprising to live and work in an "Oil Boom" city, and guess this really is one. Not much chance of a slack period as we have experienced before.

As this is our first appearance in the JOURNAL we therefore wish to extend our greetings to all the members of the I.B.E.W.

THEODORE BLASKI, B. M.

Story of Peggy

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And then came Peggy's big chance. She forgot all about being shy and spoke right up.

"I have a big pumpkin," she said. "I grew it myself on my daddy's farm. I can bring it for the party, to make our Jack-o-Lantern."

"Oh Peggy, can you?" shouted one of the boys. And all the children gathered around her and began to talk at once.

"How big is it, Peggy?" asked Jackie.

"Did you say you grew it yourself?" asked Mary Jane. "Tell us how you did it."

And Peggy, all smiles, began to describe her pumpkin and just how she had grown it from a big flat seed.

And the next day, Peggy brought her pumpkin to school. She got up early in the morning and went out to the garden to look at it. There it was—big and orangy-yellow and shining in the morning sun. And Peggy's daddy helped her and they lifted the great big pumpkin into Peggy's wagon ever so carefully. It was really a great big pumpkin, because when Peggy put both her arms around it and stretched and stretched, her fingers wouldn't meet—it was that big!

And her Daddy walked with her to the school bus and he and Mr. Jones, the bus driver put wagon and all right into the front of the bus and then when they got to the school, Mr. Jones lifted the wagon out on the pavement so Peggy could pull it right up to the school door.

And all the children gathered around Peggy and her pumpkin.

"It's the biggest one I've ever seen!" said Sue.

"It's twice as big as the one the Fourth Graders have," said Tommy.

"Oh Peggy, I think you were wonderful to give it to us," said Mary Jane. And all the other children joined in, and Peggy was happier than she'd ever been since she came to Glendale School.

And at recess, Miss Allison told the children to gather around and they'd make their Jack-o-Lantern. And the children watched while she cut a hole in the top and scooped out the inside and carved the big slanted eyes and the wide grinning mouth.

And when she had it finished she put a big red candle inside and all the children said it was the biggest and best Jack-o-Lantern they had ever had. And when they had the party, Peggy was the happiest little girl there, because all the children were so nice to her and asked her to share in their games. And that was the beginning of lots of good times for Peggy at the Glendale School.

But you little boys and girls who read this page might remember that lots of other little boys and girls are shy and lonesome like Peggy was, and it would be nice for you to watch out for them and be kind to them and ask them to play with you. It would make them happy and you'd be happier too, because you had been kind and thoughtful.

The End.

Labor Press

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their views and often say terrible things about each other."

This, Brothers and Sisters, is all too true and we should try to keep the whole American labor movement, its aims and purposes in mind, be objective in our views and not snap at other unions with whom we may not see eye to eye.

Your JOURNAL staff was pleased and proud to have its Editor serve prominently during the ILPA Convention. Mr. Milne who is a fourth Vice President of the organization, presided at all sessions on the second day of the Convention, in the absence of President Matthew B. Woll, acted as Toastmaster for the testimonial luncheon tendered to Secretary-Treasurer Lewis M. Herrmann, for the splendid service he has afforded members of ILPA through the years, and then at the final convention session was elected Fraternal Delegate from the International Labor Press of America to present its

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Mexico City
2. the Cape of Good Hope
3. a way to circumnavigate the globe
4. the ocean passage to India
5. the cod fisheries of North America
6. the Pacific Ocean
7. The north pole
8. Hawaii
9. the mouth of the Zambezi River and Nyasaland
10. the Mississippi River
11. cotton gin
12. Marconi
13. automatic steam-engine
14. T. A. Edison
15. Alexander Graham Bell
16. Mendel
17. the germ-theory of disease
18. printing press
19. Galileo
20. sun was the center of the universe
21. electricity
22. Newton
23. the Curies
24. X-rays
25. oxygen

report to the entire A. F. of L. Convention.

This Mr. Milne did on September 23, 1952 and his report which was a real appeal to the officers and members of our A. F. of L. unions for stronger support for the labor press, was very well received.

We conclude this brief account of the 41st Annual Convention of the ILPA with the final paragraphs of Mr. Milne's report to the delegates of the American Federation of Labor in convention assembled:

"The American Labor Press is willing—it is anxious to tell the story and sell the policy of the American Federation of Labor everywhere. That is the purpose for which it was created—to do the job the A. F. of L. wants done. And God willing, if you, the International Unions of this country, the State Federations and Central Labor bodies will back us up and give us the means and support, we'll do the job.

"We ask you to take a real interest and back us to the limit. If you will do that, we'll tell the American labor story and we'll tell it fair and square. We'll do a job for Labor's League for Political Education and get out the vote. And yes, we'll help to raise the money to support it. We will help to rid the Congress of the United States of the reactionaries who have been a curse to us all. We will fight for repeal of Taft-Hartley with all our strength. We'll help you organize and we'll promote the union label and sell union goods and services in every segment of these United States and Canada.

"Give us the ammunition—we'll fire the guns. If you will do this, you will be doing more than just promoting unionism and telling the A. F. of L. story to the world. You'll be helping to preserve the first foundation of American democracy—freedom of speech, freedom of press. And you'll be doing something more, you'll be spreading the story of American democracy not only throughout our nation but throughout the world, proving that democracy can work—it works here and it can work

in every corner of our earth, even in those countries now strangled in the greedy claws of communism.

"With the help of our A. F. of L. Council and our unions we can bring a message of freedom and hope to the world, a world that, God knows, needs a light for its darkness!

"Help us do the job!"

Musicians' Story

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labor history. The union set forth the principle that the exploiters of the machine have a social duty to the workers displaced and to society, that is disturbed by the machine's effects. It proposed that this responsibility be discharged by setting up of a royalty fund based on the sales of records and transcriptions.

At first the entire industry reacted violently against the proposal. The most strenuous objections were not to the cost, since the small fee has never increased the cost to the public of a single record. No, specifically the record manufacturers and transcription companies refused to contribute to a fund to be spent at "the union's uncontrolled discretion," and they rejected the "dangerous fallacy" that a "specific industry owes a special obligation to persons not employed by it."

But the Musicians stood firm, and in the fall of 1943, the more forward-looking companies accepted the A.F. of M. conditions, signed contracts and went to work.

And what has the A. F. of M. done with those royalty payments? It has set them up in a separate fund used by the union "only for purposes of fostering and propagating musical culture and the employment of live musicians, members of the Federation."

The American Federation of Musicians has done a glorious work with this Fund, unlike any other welfare fund in the American Labor movement. Instead of providing sickness, accident, or hospitalization benefits, this Musicians' fund provides work for musicians, and free performances for veter-

ans and other hospitals, public institutions, parks, on patriotic and charitable occasions. Files of local unions bulge with letters of thanks from community leaders. The scrawled crayon thanks of sick children in hospitals and the Spenserian script written in the trembling hand of the inmate of an Old People's Home, are testimony enough to the good this fund has done, not just for the Musicians it was designed to help but for communities everywhere.

Many an "Old Timers Orchestra" like the one pictured on these pages was revived, giving new hope to old musicians who could find no work, and at the same time giving good music to people who could ill afford to pay for it.

And always the fund has operated under these basic policies: Local autonomy was preserved; projects had to render genuine public service; no waste was permitted; all admissions were free; projects could not compete with existing employment; good music was to be furnished. The Armed Services and the Voice of America, will always have cause to be grateful to the American Federation of Musicians for the tremendous by-product which has come as a result of their fight for existence.

Yes, the Musicians have a battle to fight every day to survive. They can never relax for one instant if they are to preserve any of the rights they have fought for more than seven centuries to attain.

With television the musician faces much the same problem as he did with radio and recordings. However, mindful of his early and continuing woes, he is securing payment for re-use of his TV labors. Here, too, the royalty formula has been put into effect, patterned along the same lines as the recording fund.

In its long uphill struggle, the A.F. of M. has seen two industries concede to its principle that those who profit by the machine must share the responsibility for the ravages of the machine. The musician feels that Government, as well as industry, must take up its share of the burden so that freedom to create, pursue and enjoy

Wire Em

TRY IT!



"And so ends another political discussion . . ."

PEGS PETE

IS ROUGH ON ELECTRIC SIGNS — WHEN HE GOT THROUGH SHOOTING THE SIGNS BELOW THEY SPELLED:

1. Souped up flivver; 2. animal friends; 3. radio's growing brother; 4. sound on a spool; 5. before FM.

1. HOTEL RODNEY

2. PETS

3. J. T. VES

4. TAPERS

5. A.M.

Draw one continuous line that will pass through the vertical and horizontal lines of each "plus" mark and that will not cross a line anywhere else.

ANSWERS

1. hot rod; 2. pets;
3. TV; 4. Tape; 5. A.M.

"HEY! LOOKY, DAD, I FIXED THE FAN!"

SHOCKING WORDS

"Leave it exposed . . . we will remember it is a live wire . . ."

the basic cultures of music, arts and letters, will not perish from our civilization.

Much of what has been accomplished for the American Musician came through the fighting spirit of Jimmy Petrillo, tough union leader, with a heart of gold—personal friend of Presidents and street urchins alike: Jimmy Petrillo as a young boy carried a big bass drum on his back all day long for a nickel. That was his introduction to music and he made up his mind then that he liked it, was going to follow music as a career and as his love for music grew, so also grew his desire to do something to help the musicians of this country so badly in need of help.

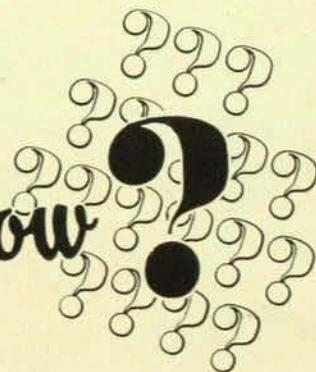
Demand Union Services

Brothers and Sisters, we can help too. As always in writing up these stories of our fellow unionists in the American Federation of Labor, we urge our people to support them, to demand their goods and services. Here is a cause in which, by taking a real interest, you will not only be helping Brother and Sister unionists to survive, you will be helping music, a great civilizing force, a great part of our culture, to survive. You will be doing something more, too. You will be helping many of our own members in the Electrical Workers who hold cards in the American Federation of Musicians. More than half of the members of the A.F.M. cannot earn their living by music alone and must work at other trades to supplement their incomes. We can help them by demanding live music whenever we can and by supporting Symphony and Concert drives, helping to keep music a living, driving force in our American way of life.

Space is running out and there are items usually covered in our "Know Your A.F.L." series that we have not touched upon. One is apprenticeship. The apprenticeship which the A.F. of M. member serves is one of the longest and most tedious in the world. Many unions set their apprenticeship periods at three, four, five years.

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Did You Know?



... how "John Doe" came to be the most widely used of all fictitious names? It has come into such common usage today that one seldom questions its origin. "John Doe" first appeared many years ago in English law, as the name used to represent the plaintiff in a common-law suit of ejection. The defendant was called, appropriately enough, "Richard Roe." In America, "John Doe" was the favorite term employed in proceedings where the identity of an alleged criminal was not known or was purposely concealed for any reason. The name now is employed in innumerable instances from law courts down to sample signatures. It symbolizes everybody—the great, the small, the famous, the unknown—anyone might be "John Doe."

Speculation on Origin

How that particular name came to be chosen actually is not known, but it is probable that John Doe was the real name of a clerk or other minor official of the Court of the King's Bench in which the action of ejection originated. This person lent himself regularly to the fiction upon which the court action was based and as a result his name was still in use long after he had been forgotten. "Richard Roe" was likely selected for no other reason than that it sounded well with "John Doe."

And speaking of the name

"John" do you know how it happened to be abbreviated "Jno.?"

"Jno." became the abbreviation of "John" when this proper name was still in the process of formation. In early times the name was probably pronounced in two syllables. The English form of the name is derived from "Johannes" which was later contracted to "Johan" and in time the "a" was either dropped or an "o" was substituted for it and the name then came to be written "John" or "Johon." Sometimes, however, it was spelled "Jhon," due either to the omission of the first instead of the second "o" in "Johon" or to the transposition of "h" and "o" in "John."

Derivation

Centuries ago it was a common practice to use "n" for "h" and "John" was abbreviated either "Jho." or "Jno." The latter form prevailed and is still the favorite abbreviation. "John" is derived indirectly from the Hebrew "Yohanan," meaning "Jehovah hath been gracious." Its evolution was as follows: "Yohanan" in Hebrew, "Ioannes" in Greek, "Johannes" in Latin, "Jean" in French, and "John" in English.

So whether it's John Doe, Jhon Doe or Jno. Doe—it might sometime mean you!

Many an A.F.M. musician has spent the best part of his life in patient practice, from early childhood, and will continue to practice a part of every day of his life as long as he remains a musician. That is the exacting apprenticeship demanded of the artists of this union.

The A.F. of M. is a democratic union. Its officers are elected at conventions by secret vote of delegates selected by the locals. The A.F. of M. is an open union. Any professional musician may join. No initiation fee larger than \$50 may be charged by any local and most of the fees are much less.

The A.F. of M. publishes one of the finest labor journals in the country for the benefit of its members. *The International Musician* is beautifully illustrated and abounds in articles of vital interest to its membership.

Final Plea

We should like to close our account of this fine union and its members with one last plea for strong support from our Electrical Workers for the American Federation of Musicians and all it stands for, and to leave a parting thought with our readers. In the July issue of our JOURNAL we had a full analysis of "The Four Freedoms" as proclaimed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Two years after his historic proclamation of the Four Freedoms, President Roosevelt paused in the conduct of a global war to give recognition to a Fifth Freedom which might have been defined as "the freedom to create, pursue and enjoy the basic cultures of music, arts and letters."

Pioneering in Field

The American Federation of Musicians is carrying out that noble Fifth Freedom as no other one of our A.F. of L. unions could. Let's give them all the support we can!

We acknowledge with thanks the kind cooperation of the President's Office of the American Federation of Musicians in the assembling of material and pictures for this article.

Death Claims for August, 1952

L. U.	Name	Amount	L. U.	Name	Amount
I. O. (1)	H. G. Lette	1,000.00	134	J. S. Horiathowski	1,000.00
I. O. (3)	A. Hubel	1,000.00	134	P. S. Ostrowski	1,000.00
I. O. (3)	C. Wanbaugh	1,000.00	134	R. B. Strunkel	1,000.00
I. O. (6)	J. DeVeemon	1,000.00	134	B. W. Cerny	1,000.00
I. O. (9)	F. Shipley	1,000.00	134	S. Weiss	1,000.00
I. O. (9)	J. Beyer	1,000.00	134	B. J. Barse	825.00
I. O. (11)	C. R. Wolfe	1,000.00	134	W. F. Kotar	1,000.00
I. O. (11)	B. R. Miller	1,000.00	134	T. R. Kemson	1,000.00
I. O. (18)	W. Riley	1,000.00	136	C. C. Crows	1,000.00
I. O. (28)	H. A. Goetz	1,000.00	136	W. N. Gahner	1,000.00
I. O. (38)	W. Inheit	1,000.00	146	T. B. Mullenix	1,000.00
I. O. (46)	H. T. Parks	1,000.00	150	H. P. Joers	1,000.00
I. O. (52)	T. J. McElone	1,000.00	164	F. X. Belanger	1,000.00
I. O. (63)	E. J. Brown	1,000.00	175	W. T. Moore	1,000.00
I. O. (77)	W. E. Mills	1,000.00	182	E. S. Crook	1,000.00
I. O. (98)	C. W. Simmons	1,000.00	212	J. E. Peak	1,000.00
I. O. (103)	S. D. Wilson	1,000.00	245	F. Thatcher	1,000.00
I. O. (104)	I. J. Ross	1,000.00	271	J. C. Hearing	1,000.00
I. O. (124)	E. L. Galloway	1,000.00	275	F. R. Swenson	1,000.00
I. O. (125)	W. L. Lehman	1,000.00	276	G. A. Rasmussen	500.00
I. O. (134)	C. C. Hochadel	150.00	280	R. L. Stanfield	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	C. Baerman	1,000.00	280	W. A. Christy	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	J. M. Benson	1,000.00	280	C. H. Peterson	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	M. L. Kohl	1,000.00	300	C. Woodard	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	W. Meyers	1,000.00	302	D. P. Riley	150.00
I. O. (136)	L. R. Keen	1,000.00	309	G. S. Scheffbauer	1,000.00
I. O. (160)	M. O. Rosland	1,000.00	310	L. G. Little	1,000.00
I. O. (181)	G. H. Smith	1,000.00	322	W. H. Cahill	500.00
I. O. (195)	A. Brumhart	1,000.00	328	J. E. Bismonte	1,000.00
I. O. (214)	L. Husen	1,000.00	328	R. J. Newstead	475.00
I. O. (267)	J. W. Cain	1,000.00	329	G. E. Pittman	825.00
I. O. (277)	P. Harris	1,000.00	329	J. M. DuBois	650.00
I. O. (277)	H. J. Newton	1,000.00	333	P. F. Demers	1,000.00
I. O. (309)	R. L. Winchester	1,000.00	340	H. S. Helson	1,000.00
I. O. (309)	C. Nemey	1,000.00	340	M. T. Delaney	1,000.00
I. O. (397)	C. A. Palmer	1,000.00	357	F. B. Wagg	1,000.00
I. O. (412)	W. C. Hanks	1,000.00	381	C. H. Boettcher	500.00
I. O. (527)	J. L. Moore	1,000.00	382	J. R. Johnstone	1,000.00
I. O. (677)	C. H. Bird	1,000.00	387	R. C. Bailey	1,000.00
I. O. (694)	D. Hadley	1,000.00	405	E. W. Janney	475.00
I. O. (702)	J. W. Jamerson	1,000.00	417	E. R. Wright	1,000.00
I. O. (888)	D. R. Cooper	825.00	420	R. L. Putman	1,000.00
I. O. (1037)	A. Gilchrist	1,000.00	429	C. R. Riley	1,000.00
3	C. A. Martin	1,000.00	465	A. F. Cook	1,000.00
3	E. V. Berche	1,000.00	470	P. W. Wymann	1,000.00
3	E. J. McManus	1,000.00	477	P. G. Allen	1,000.00
3	A. Forziotto	1,000.00	494	C. Olsen	1,000.00
3	A. Abramson	1,000.00	499	L. C. Bayless	1,000.00
3	P. E. Baginski	1,000.00	499	R. K. Biedsoe	1,000.00
3	J. Gurian	1,000.00	500	R. W. Knopp	1,000.00
3	A. Curran	1,000.00	532	R. M. Kelley	1,000.00
3	D. Turno	1,000.00	545	W. B. Wilson	650.00
3	A. J. Chisholm	1,000.00	545	A. W. Showver	1,000.00
3	A. Lutz	1,000.00	574	J. Graham	1,000.00
5	J. Haggerty	1,000.00	583	J. C. Gallagher	1,000.00
5	E. A. Reed	1,000.00	591	L. Angerina	1,000.00
6	D. H. Scofield	650.67	595	T. D. Marshall	1,000.00
9	G. A. Lloyd	150.00	602	W. R. Stoddard	1,000.00
9	W. A. Styler	825.00	611	C. H. Schroeder	1,000.00
9	F. Wenzel	1,000.00	616	E. H. Fuehrer	1,000.00
9	S. Kuehn	825.00	617	A. S. Silva	1,000.00
11	S. J. Zolner	825.00	659	H. Meyers	1,000.00
11	C. S. Amacker	1,000.00	661	L. Curwright	1,000.00
11	P. R. Moorcroft	1,000.00	678	J. L. Gilligan	1,000.00
11	G. D. Vandervoort	1,000.00	688	C. A. Moore	1,000.00
11	F. V. Honadel	1,000.00	702	J. R. Martin	1,000.00
17	C. F. Thomas	1,000.00	702	D. E. Parkape	1,000.00
18	A. P. Rhodes	825.00	713	J. L. Tanner	1,000.00
18	D. Ayers	1,000.00	714	H. A. Hanson	1,000.00
26	R. N. Gingrich	200.00	716	G. R. Waterfield	475.00
28	E. E. Barnett	200.00	721	L. G. Hallenbeck	1,000.00
31	F. R. Crandall	825.00	738	O. L. Perkins	1,000.00
51	C. A. Haywood	1,000.00	743	H. Lesher	1,000.00
51	J. Denning	1,000.00	744	W. Hannis	1,000.00
51	C. F. Morrow	1,000.00	744	O. M. Savander	1,000.00
52	J. Bosnyak	1,000.00	760	D. G. Howington	200.00
52	J. W. Costello	1,000.00	765	V. C. Wann	1,000.00
58	P. A. Sonja	1,000.00	767	C. R. Hemphill	1,000.00
58	W. Kunes	1,000.00	870	C. J. Williams	1,000.00
60	T. H. Carolan	1,000.00	911	R. J. Hopkins	1,000.00
64	H. E. Miller	1,000.00	924	H. C. Wiles	1,000.00
76	E. L. Livingston	1,000.00	931	R. S. Corrin	1,000.00
77	J. R. Stone	825.00	949	E. F. Charlton	1,000.00
77	H. Hanson	1,000.00	985	A. E. Stringfield	650.00
82	P. C. Franklin	1,000.00	1077	H. J. Hanberry	1,000.00
98	J. L. Bass	1,000.00	1077	S. McGeehe	1,000.00
99	T. R. Aldred	1,000.00	1095	W. R. Dunnett	1,000.00
103	J. J. Donahue	1,000.00	1105	B. A. Kuster	1,000.00
115	H. Ledford	150.00	1240	B. C. Constantino	200.00
116	L. T. Merritt	200.00	1326	R. T. Geikie	1,000.00
122	F. A. Lynch	1,000.00	1326	D. E. Treadwell	1,000.00
121	W. S. Bills	1,000.00	1379	P. H. Bilberg	825.00
125	P. L. Thayer	1,000.00	1392	B. W. Lawson	1,000.00
125	L. L. Yankey	1,000.00	1393	W. Hamilton	1,000.00
125	R. H. Martin	1,000.00			
151	E. C. Cunningham	1,000.00			
			TOTAL		\$176,491.67

Prayer for Our Deceased Members

Our Father Who art in heaven, once more we record here on the pages of our Journal the names of our fellow workers who have passed on. Thou O God, Who art kindness itself and mercy itself and strength itself—Thou Who hast such compassion that not even a sparrow's fall goes unnoticed by Thee, show Thy mercy and compassion for these our Brothers and take them home to live in peace with Thee forevermore.

And please Lord, send Thy comfort and unfailing strength to each of these, their loved ones, who grieve for them. Whisper to each of them Thy promise of eternal life, so that their sorrow and despair will turn to hope and expectation.

Be mindful of us too dear God. Show us Thy way and give us the strength to follow it so that we too may live in hope and anticipation of a life of eternal joy with Thee. Amen.

John McLeod, I. O.

Born November 15, 1879
Initiated November 1, 1905 in L. U.
No. 44
Died July 15, 1952

Otice Wright, I. O.

Reinitiated May 1, 1944 in L. U. No. 983
Died October 22, 1951

Millard J. Fleener, L. U. No. 16

Born February 1, 1890
Initiated October 21, 1937
Died August 12, 1952

D. H. Merritt, L. U. No. 17

Born October 25, 1898
Reinitiated September 4, 1924 in
L. U. No. 62
Died August 5, 1952

Charles F. Thomas, L. U. No. 17

Born May 9, 1899
Reinitiated October 4, 1937
Died August 11, 1952

Clayton R. Lee, L. U. No. 38

Born July 3, 1889
Initiated March 13, 1912
Died July 3, 1952

Earle McManemy, L. U. No. 39

Born May 1, 1885
Initiated December 5, 1910 in L. U.
No. 245
Died August 14, 1952

Ted H. Carolan, L. U. No. 60

Born November 30, 1895
Initiated October 1, 1941
Died August 2, 1952

Edward J. Drout, L. U. No. 65

Born November 9, 1876
Initiated April 13, 1906 in L. U.
No. 479
Died July 26, 1952

Bryant Allen, L. U. No. 66

Born May 23, 1878
Initiated September 2, 1943
Died July 8, 1952

John D. Ramos, L. U. No. 66

Born September 1, 1909
Initiated October 4, 1945
Died June 27, 1952

Riley Deams Smith, L. U. No. 84

Born November 18, 1904
Reinitiated March 24, 1938
Died May 29, 1952

C. C. Crowe, L. U. No. 136

Born August 24, 1886
Reinitiated October 22, 1939 in L. U.
No. 1136
Died June 19, 1952

O. M. Floyd, L. U. No. 136

Born October 19, 1886
Reinitiated January 22, 1941 in L. U.
No. 287
Died February 14, 1952

E. W. Fruitticher, L. U. No. 136

Born August 19, 1883
Reinitiated December 26, 1943
Died May 24, 1952

I. F. Leonard, L. U. No. 136

Born May 28, 1900
Initiated October 3, 1941
Died June 30, 1952

Harold P. Joerg, L. U. No. 150

Born April 11, 1898
Initiated February 20, 1919 in L. U.
No. 890
Died July 24, 1952

C. A. Butler, L. U. No. 175

Born May 2, 1918
Initiated October 17, 1941
Died February 14, 1952

J. C. Houts, L. U. No. 175

Born November 3, 1905
Initiated May 1, 1942
Died June 27, 1952

William T. Moore, L. U. No. 175

Born July 21, 1907
Reinitiated July 21, 1947
Died July 27, 1952

James C. Hearing, L. U. No. 271

Born February 27, 1898
Reinitiated January 7, 1935
Died July, 1952

Roy A. Haversack, L. U. No. 292

Born May 21, 1894
Reinitiated December 1, 1942
Died August 25, 1952

Allen Cook, L. U. No. 309

Reinitiated April 13, 1948
Died August 11, 1952

George Schiffbauer, L. U. No. 309

Born May 25, 1885
Initiated May 3, 1937
Died July 25, 1952

Laverne Littler, L. U. No. 310

Born November 12, 1911
Initiated April 14, 1943
Died August 16, 1952

John B. Caron, L. U. No. 326

Born August 4, 1921
Initiated September 10, 1946
Died August 15, 1952

William Gibb, L. U. No. 339

Born February 13, 1881
Initiated March 4, 1927
Died July 29, 1952

Allen Adams, L. U. No. 349

Born February 11, 1926
Initiated February 20, 1948
Died July 10, 1952

H. C. Eagleston, L. U. No. 349

Born October 9, 1883
Initiated February 7, 1941
Died June 28, 1952

Roy C. Bailey, L. U. No. 387

Born April 14, 1912
Initiated September 12, 1945 in L. U.
No. 384
Died July 26, 1952

Kenneth McCurdy, L. U. No. 461

Born September 13, 1904
Reinitiated April 2, 1940
Died June 26, 1952

Allen F. Cook, L. U. No. 465

Born October 19, 1903
Initiated June 16, 1941
Died July 19, 1952

Paul McAbee, L. U. No. 474

Born February 26, 1909
Reinitiated April 3, 1942
Died May 15, 1952

Miles P. Bright, L. U. No. 602

Born March 29, 1891
Reinitiated October 8, 1947 in L. U.
No. 11
Died June, 1952

William R. Stoddard, L. U. No. 602

Born February 17, 1924
Initiated April 18, 1945
Died July 18, 1952

Hoskie Benally, L. U. No. 611

Born March 23, 1921
Initiated September 30, 1950
Died July, 1952

Clarence H. Bird, L. U. No. 677

Born September 8, 1892
Reinitiated May 6, 1924
Died July 21, 1952

C. Taylor Lee, L. U. No. 696

Initiated April 1, 1951
Died August 21, 1952

Dudley Lee Purkale, L. U. No. 702

Born March 5, 1889
Reinitiated August 5, 1937
Died August 2, 1952

James Tanner, L. U. No. 713

Born June 13, 1888
Initiated April 18, 1935
Died July 30, 1952

Joseph Wallace, L. U. No. 713

Initiated November 14, 1950
Died August, 1952

Otto K. Walsted, L. U. No. 716

Born August 5, 1899
Reinitiated October 2, 1940
Died May 22, 1952

George R. Waterfield, L. U. No. 716

Born November 3, 1912
Initiated March 4, 1947
Died June 16, 1952

James J. McCartney, L. U. No. 717

Born February 19, 1882
Initiated February 20, 1919
Died June 23, 1952

T. A. Haralson, L. U. No. 734

Born September 22, 1896
Initiated April 1, 1937
Died June 25, 1952

Charles M. Huff, L. U. No. 734

Born August 31, 1888
Reinitiated May 7, 1936
Died May 8, 1952

Ray John McDowell, L. U. No. 873

Born March 18, 1893
Reinitiated August 14, 1942
Died August 11, 1952

Oregon C. Boyett, L. U. No. 1186

Born March 9, 1905
Reinitiated December 1, 1947
Died June 12, 1952

Felix G. Eames, L. U. No. 1245

Born October 6, 1905
Initiated January 2, 1942
Died August 5, 1952

Algie E. Fink, L. U. No. 1245

Reinitiated April 1, 1952
Died August 1, 1952

Charles W. Morley, L. U. No. 1245

Born September 7, 1928
Initiated October 1, 1951
Died August 9, 1952

Carl Tessien, L. U. No. 1245

Born June 19, 1898
Initiated April 28, 1950
Died June 20, 1952

Benjamin Constantino, L. U. No. 1249

Born June 8, 1922
Initiated February 26, 1951
Died July 22, 1952

Robert Geikie, L. U. No. 1326

Born June 26, 1906
Initiated September 11, 1942
Died July 14, 1952

John J. Herbert, L. U. No. 1326

Born February 2, 1903
Reinitiated February 9, 1945
Died August 2, 1952

Durwood Treadwell, L. U. No. 1326

Born March 3, 1908
Initiated September 13, 1946
Died July 14, 1952

Stephen Mayernick, L. U. No. 1335

Born June 7, 1926
Initiated September 14, 1951
Died August 1, 1952

Thomas J. McCarthy, L. U. No. 1335

Born September 25, 1905
Initiated August 28, 1943
Died August 1, 1952

Charles A. Henry, L. U. No. 1355

Born January 31, 1906
Initiated June 24, 1943
Died July 31, 1952

Thomas Smith, L. U. No. 1355

Born October 29, 1890
Initiated June 24, 1943
Died June 8, 1952

Adolph Yoerg, Jr., L. U. No. 1368

Born June 18, 1893
Initiated October 13, 1943
Died August, 1952

Paul Krivan, L. U. No. 1392

Born January 25, 1897
Initiated October 17, 1947
Died August 5, 1952

Walter Batz, L. U. No. 1439

Born December 7, 1906
Initiated February 28, 1946
Died July 21, 1952

THE LAST CLIMB

Down a mountain gorge the wind
swept free,
With ice on its chilling breath,
And whispering sleet formed a crystal
sheath
As it fashioned a shroud of death.

And down through the gorge ran a
power line
Charged with its flowing fire—
An artery bearing a strength of life,
From the heart, through its copper
wire.

But the wind was strong, and the ice
coat grew,
Tugging with giant hands
Till wood and copper could stand no
more
And down went the burdened
strands.

The line went down, and homes went
dark,
And evening brought dismay
As ranges cooled and motors stopped
In the city miles away.

From the power house a call went out
To summon the linemen's crew,
And an urgent plea for extra help
To hurry the labor through.

The call was answered by ready men
Who knew what their answer
meant—
The danger, the cold, the chance with
death—
Yet they answered the call, and
went.

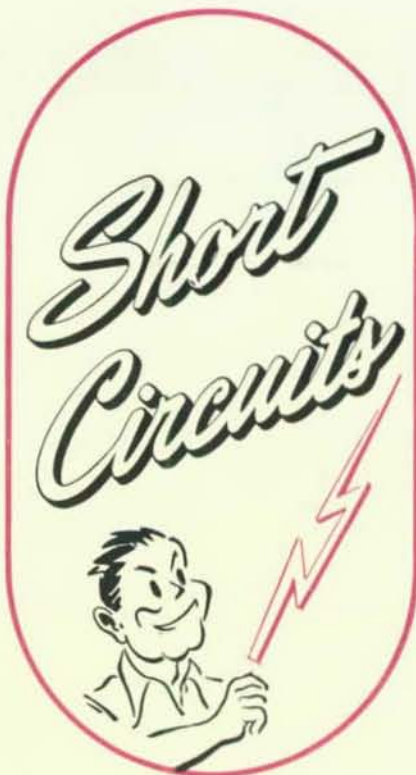
But one, a lineman, was urged to stay
And leave the task to his mates.
"You've battled the storms long
enough," they said,
"No need to be tempting the fates."

For the lineman was old, as ages run
In a calling where age is rare,
And thirty years he had worn the
hooks
Since he strapped on his first new
pair.

But he stilled their talk with a shoul-
der shrug—
"I'll go along with the crew,
For many a kid will be hungry tonight
If we don't get the service through.
"I've not been much for the church
or creed,
Nor lived as well as I might,
And when I go I'll be headin' down,
If Preacher and Priest are right.

"But if, while I'm here, any act of
mine
Can lighten another's way,
I'll do that thing if it takes my life."
And with that he was on his way.

The long hours passed in the bitter
cold,
And the work was almost done,
He was "tying in" at the top of the
pole—
The top of the last but one.



"Only one more pole," he said "and
then

It is home and warmth and rest—
And I'll need it too, for I'm almost in—
I've given this job my best."

He finished his tie and grasped the
pole

With fingers numbing and sore,
And set his spurs for the downward
climb

To start for his one pole more.

But the steel glanced off from an icy
knot,

And the tired limbs gave way,
As the cold hands slipped—on the
rocks below

A broken lineman lay.

"Beyond all help," said the gathered
crew

As they hurried to give him aid—
But the lineman opened his eyes at
last—

"I must finish my job," he said.

"Only one more climb and I'll be
through"—

Then the body again lay still—
But the lineman had seen a bright new
pole,
The next one, just up the hill.

With his spurs set solid and true, in
thought,
And hands on the pole firmly
clasped,
He climbed up to what seemed a cross
and brace,
And the arms of the Cross he
grasped.

A voice spoke low, and he caught the
words

"Well done—your labor of love—
In the least of these—and—unto—
me—"

More clearly than "Welcome, son."

The line was closed and the current
leaped

On its mission of light and cheer,
While under the wires an inert form
Was gently placed on its bier.

But just ere the last breath fluttered
out

A smile lit the face again—
And the lineman knew that we climb
to God

By serving our fellow men.

DALE B. SIGLER,
L. U. No. 125,
Portland, Oreg.

*(From somewhere in Venezuela
comes this little verse from our faith-
ful Tiffany—an appeal to our Journal
Supervisor.)*

WHERE OH WHERE

Where are your rhymsters of yester-
year?

Sleepy Steve, Hoover and Abraham
Glick?

O blow your horn, Lady, maybe they'll
hear—

This dormant clan of the rhyming
clique.

Once we enjoyed their polite humors,
Their wit, their charm and day-room
rumors.

We should all have one grand fiesta
Please rouse them from their long
siesta.

Let Mine sing for yon Scotch heather
And Tracy guide us in foul weather,
But bring us back—if bring you can,
To the dormant folk of the rhyming
clan.

TIFFANY,
L.U. 3

IN THE MOOD

There are many worthy members,
Who will attend when in the mood.
When everything is convenient,
Those can do very little good.

They are a factor in the union.
And are necessary too

But the ones that never fail us
Are the forever faithful few.

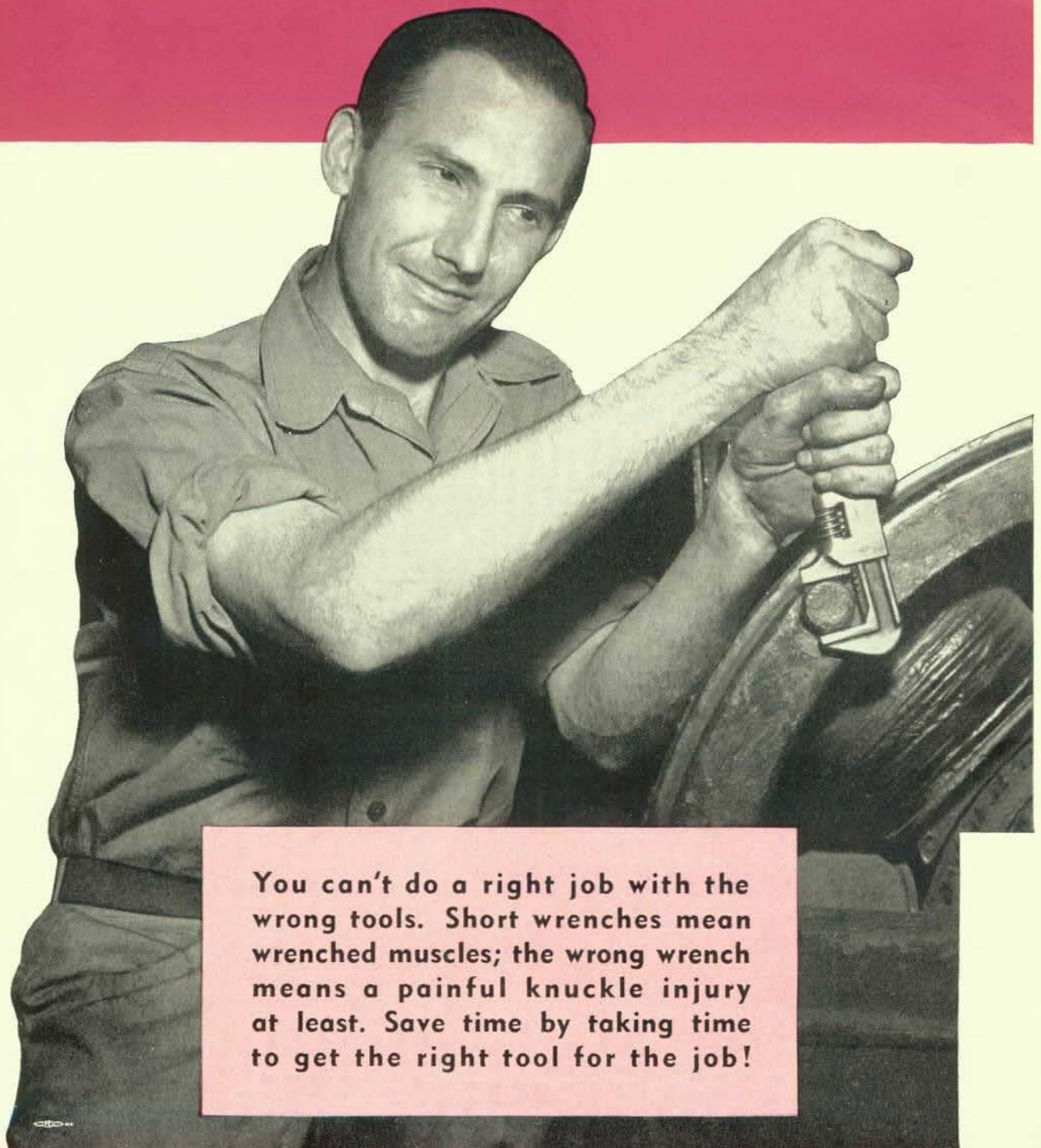
If it were not for these faithful few,
Whose shoulders are at the wheel
Keep the union moving onward
Without a halt or keel,

What would be the fate of our unions,
Which have so much to do?
They surely would go under
But for those faithful few!

G. L. MONSIVE,
L.U. 278

WORK RIGHT

USE THE RIGHT TOOLS



You can't do a right job with the wrong tools. Short wrenches mean wrenched muscles; the wrong wrench means a painful knuckle injury at least. Save time by taking time to get the right tool for the job!

From the idea submitted by Anton B. Krug, L.U. 748, Jersey City, N.J.